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Proceedings
of
Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons
of Alberta
1936



To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—these are the property of the Chapter.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E. before the 31st of January. (See Sub-section 1, Clause 214—Constitution.)

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions suspended *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*



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WALTER EDWARD MERCER

Grand First Principal

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Most Excellent Companion Walter Edward Mercer was born on the 8th day of March, 1866, at Northwich, Cheshire, England.

Educated at the Weaver Navigation School, Northwich, he subsequently became a designer and tailor. For some years he has been farming at Strathmore, Alberta.

He was married to Miss Margaret Worthington, in St. Paul's Church, Crewe, England, in 1886. Seven children, five boys and two girls, blessed the union.

Initiated into Masonry in Antiquity Lodge, No. 146, Bolton, Lancashire, England, on the 9th of April, 1902. Passing through the various offices, he served as Worshipful Master in 1909.

He was exalted to the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in St. John's Chapter, attached to Lodge No. 348, Bolton, and became Scribe N. and Principal Sojourner. Coming to Alberta, he affiliated with Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9 serving as First Principal Z. in 1916. He was a Charter member of Calgary Chapter, No. 11, resigning in 1917, and is a Life member of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9 and Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. Of the latter Chapter he was First Principal in 1922 and has been Scribe E. for a number of years.

In the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., he was elected Grand Registrar in 1932. In the Grand Chapter of Alberta, he was Grand Superintendent of District No. 2 in 1919, elected Grand J. in 1933, Grand H. in 1934 and Grand Z. in 1935.

Our Most Excellent Companion takes an active interest in municipal affairs and has been Councillor of Keoma Municipality since 1931.

PROCEEDINGS

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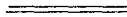
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at the

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Annual Convocation

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Held in the

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Twenty-second Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 18th day of March, A.D. 1936, A.I. 2466.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer.....	Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Watson.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Archibald West.....	Past Grand First Principal
R. E. Comp. Henry Sandilands.....	Grand Second Principal
R. E. Comp. C. Harry Minchin.....	Grand Third Principal
R. E. Comp. Harry C. Neal.....	Grand Supt. District No. 1
R. E. Comp. J. Lester Clarke.....	Grand Supt. District No. 3
R. E. Comp. Ernest Corbett.....	Grand Supt. District No. 4
R. E. Comp. William H. Smith.....	Grand Supt. District No. 5
R. E. Comp. Frank Mayer.....	Grand Supt. District No. 6
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson.....	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Comp. Arthur Robinson.....	Grand Principal Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Frank Milne.....	Grand Registrar
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. Duncan H. S. Gillis.....	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. William L. Sharp.....	Grand Junior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. James G. Walker.....	Grand Pursuivant
Comp. John L. Johnstone.....	Grand Tyler

DELEGATES PRESENT

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary

First Principal J. T. Thorne, Past Principals F. J. Hand, C. H. Minchin, Frank Milne, H. D. Fawcett, W. D. King, V. W. Wright.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton

Second Principal G. E. Hutchinson, Past Principals G. L. Tipp, A. Shera, A. B. McCurdy, W. L. Sharp, A. West, G. W. Elliott, G. B. McLeod, F. S. Watson.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat

First Principal G. F. Pauling.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge

Past Principals W. H. Smith, J. E. Rannard.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River

First Principal A. L. Clemens.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

First Principal F. McFarlane, Second Principal W. J. Martin, Past Principal J. Callahan.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary

First Principal A. E. Lockett, Past Principals W. E. Mercer, J. V. Follett, J. R. Flan, T. Rankine.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary

Past Principals E. G. Ironside, T. W. Matthews.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer

First Principal D. M. Wright, Second Principal F. E. Dodds, Past Principals W. T. Coote, M. M. Downey.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton

First Principal G. B. Thorn, Third Principal H. A. Ferguson, Past Principals C. F. Bradford, D. McIntosh, G. Rait, T. McWhirter, W. Hill, J. G. Morris, K. Fraser, R. M. Lambertson.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion

Past Principals J. W. G. Morrison, G. W. Wright, W. H. Scott, W. W. Bell, L. G. Dunaway, M. Hill.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest

Past Principal R. Crichton.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm

Past Principal H. O. Haslam.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam

Past Principals W. J. Haynes, F. E. Nichol, F. Grandage.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton

First Principal J. J. Clarke, Past Principals G. Blyth, J. G. Walker,
A. Russell, N. Luciow.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown

First Principal N. Steckle.

Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff

C. A. MacPherson (*Prozy*).

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore

Past Principals W. E. Mercer, H. W. B. Bell, S. P. Slater, E.
Corbett, M. M. Downey.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury

Past Principal J. L. Clarke.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary

Past Principals C. A. MacPherson, H. J. Parrott, M. M. Downey.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton

Past Principals H. Sandilands, F. Booth, A. Robinson, O. J.
Barker, D. H. S. Gillis, H. C. Neal, J. H. Sandilands.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano

Past Principal J. R. Flan (*Prozy*).

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller

Past Principal J. G. Harrison.

Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson

First Principal R. Knox, Second Principal A. J. Fyfe, Third Prin-
cipal W. M. Smith, Past Principals F. Mayer, W. Whelpley.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:40 o'clock a.m., March 18th, 1936.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison and M. E. Companion W. T. Coote were requested by the Grand First Principal to retire and introduce to Grand Chapter the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Alberta.

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison: Most Excellent Sir, I beg to introduce to you, and through you to the officers and companions of this Grand Chapter, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Alberta.

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: Most Excellent Companion Downey, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, it is a great pleasure to receive you here this morning. You know very well how long we have been connected with Masonry in the Province of Alberta, and you know how gratified I must be today, to be occupying this chair and welcome you to this Grand Chapter as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Nothing disturbs the cordial relations existing between this grand body and the grand body you represent, and I am sure you, in your office, will do your utmost to promote the growth of understanding relations between our two organizations. (Grand Honors were given nine times.)

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett and M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside were requested by the Grand First Principal to retire and introduce to Grand Chapter the distinguished visiting companions.

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett: Most Excellent Sir, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you and to the members of this Grand Chapter Most Excellent Companion T. S. Cook, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, and Most Excellent Companion Judge E. R. Wylie, Immediate Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, who have very kindly come to visit us on this occasion.

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: My Most Excellent Companions, I need hardly express to you the great pleasure I feel in being able to welcome you here this morning. I am sure you know how pleased I am, for I have already expressed that pleasure to you outside; you can rest assured that your visit is one of great delight to us, and I trust that when you go away you will feel that your visit to us has been one to remember. (Grand Honors were given nine times.)

Kindly conduct our distinguished Companions to the East.

Let me bid you welcome, Most Excellent Companion Cook, to our Grand Chapter.

Let me bid you welcome, Most Excellent Companion Wylie, to our Grand Chapter.

CIVIC WELCOME

M. E. Companion A. West and M. E. Companion M. M. Downey were requested by the Grand First Principal to retire and introduce to Grand Chapter the Deputy Mayor of Edmonton.

M. E. Companion A. West: Most Excellent Sir, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to introduce to you, and through you to the Companions of this Grand Chapter, the Deputy Mayor of the City of Edmonton, Brother Frye. His Worship Mayor Clarke is out of the city and Brother Frye kindly consented to welcome us. We know how busy the Mayor of a city like Edmonton is, and the Deputy Mayor is just as busy while the Mayor is away, so he would like to leave as soon as this ceremony is over.

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: Brother Frye, I am sure we are pleased to have you visit us and I assure you it rests with yourself how long you will stay and how long you will address us. Kindly advance to the East.

Brother Frye: Brother Mercer and Brethren, I have only a few minutes and have not been able to prepare a speech, but on behalf of the City of Edmonton I extend greetings to your gathering here. I hope you will have a pleasant stay with us. There are many conventions held in this city—it is quite a large city—and many important subjects are discussed. I feel, after probably thirty-five years' association with Masonic brethren, that a gathering of this sort is one of the most important that can be held in any place or any city. I have often thought that the aims and ideals of Masonry are of the greatest benefit to us. Sometimes we think we can remedy our ills by passing resolutions and passing laws, but, after all, that seems to be futile if we forget the spirit of brotherhood in dealing one with another. We don't seem to get very far.

Now, I don't know just how long you brethren are going to stay here, but anything that we can do, as a city, to make your stay more profitable and more enjoyable, we shall be only too glad to do. If you will 'phone the Mayor's office any time you are here anything we can do will be done gladly, and, if, in your deliberations, you get into a jam, I understand our Chief of Police is one of your members, and I am sure he will be only too glad to come and help you out. He is quite a big fellow and I think he will be able to straighten it out by himself. I don't think I have more to say. I wish, in closing, to again extend to you a very hearty welcome on behalf of the City of Edmonton.

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: I desire on behalf of Grand Chapter to thank you, Brother Frye, Deputy Mayor of the City of Edmonton, for your welcome. Your message this morning is most acceptable to us and I assure you, on behalf of the Companions visiting your city, that they will be very well behaved and will be no trouble to you.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed to the Chapters and others, and that the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

Strathmore, Alta., March 14th, 1936

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to welcome you to this the Twenty-second Annual Convocation, and in so doing I would remind you that this is *your* Grand Chapter and that you are expected to take part in all of its deliberations, remembering that whatever legislative measures you pass will govern its, and the constituent Chapters', future.

Not being insensible to my lack of many of the qualifications essential to adequately fulfil all the requirements of so exalted a position, your generosity in overlooking these defects has convinced me that your remembrance of my many years of service in the interests of Capitular Masonry led to your electing me to this position. This has inspired me to endeavor to discharge, to the best of my ability, the duties of this office.

The year just passed has not been favorable to an increased interest and growth, owing to the many demands on the time of the companions, in two general elections, municipal elections, and educational matters, in which, as good citizens, they rightly took their part. Though as yet a long way from a state of prosperity, we catch a gleam of a break in the clouds; the sun is beginning to shine and we look for the approach of brighter days.

You will all join me in an expression of deepest regret at the passing of our late sovereign, King George V; we offer our sincerest condolence to the Queen Mother and Royal family in their bereavement. While the Empire mourns the loss of a great king, husband and father, we look to the future with confidence and extend our unstinted loyalty to a worthy successor, our present King Edward VIII, whose unceasing efforts, as the Prince of Wales, in the interest of his subjects, while seconding the endeavors of his beloved Father, have impressed all of us. God bless the King! May the commencement of his reign be lightened by the dispersion of the war clouds now darkening the world, and may there be peace and goodwill amongst the peoples. May the vast sums now expended in destruction, be diverted to improving the conditions of life, the preventing of poverty and suffering, the building up a high moral and intellectual state. May men be encouraged to guide their lives by the practice of those fundamental principles of our Order: reverence to our Maker and willing service to our fellow men.

NECROLOGY

It is with the deepest regret that we record the passing of one of our Past Grand First Principals, M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood,

a man who proved by his deeds the sincere concern he ever had for the best interests of our Order; a man of intellect, kindly, courteous, and with becoming dignity; a man capable of filling the highest office in any organization. After a protracted sickness he was called to rest on the 8th day of August, 1935.

We also have to record the passing of M. E. Companion Coster, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and Honorary member of this Grand Chapter.

Our sincerest sympathies go out to the widows and the families of these companions in this, their great loss.

To other Grand Jurisdictions who have had bereavement our sympathy is extended.

To those of our own Chapters, who have been deprived by death of beloved companions, we offer our condolences. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will submit a detailed report for your consideration.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony continues to exist between this Grand Chapter and its Sister Jurisdictions. May the harmonious fraternal relations be cemented ever more firmly with the passing of time; our views be less parochial, more embracing. May the reciprocity of courtesies and fraternal relations bind us all together may we with one aim—the expansion of the Fraternity and the putting into practice of those principles on which it is founded.

VISITATIONS

I do not propose to go into all the details of my twenty-one visits to the constituent Chapters, for this will be dealt with in the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts. I will merely lightly touch on the high lights, such as my pleasure at being permitted to present a Past Principal's Jewel to E. Companion W. A. Irving, and the witnessing of the conferring of the H.R.A. Degree in a most creditable manner by the officers, assisted by the old guard of Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, at Drumheller.

I attended a wonderful meeting of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, when the M.E.M. Degree was conferred with exactitude and solemnity, every detail of the ceremony being carried out to perfection, by E. Companion H. of the Chapter. At my first visit to Alberta Chapter, No. 1, it was my privilege to invest several Grand Officers. At Calgary, No. 11, the M.M.M. Degree was exemplified by E. Companion J. and deserved praise for the manner in which the work was performed. Crescent, No. 24, displayed ritualistic ability in conferring the degrees of M.E.M. and H.R.A. Strathmore, No. 21, very ably conferred the Degrees of M.M.M. and M.E.M. and here I also had the pleasure of investing two Grand Officers.

It was gratifying to me to be present on the occasion of a fraternal visit of Crescent, No. 24, to Golden West, No. 5, when the visiting companions exemplified the H.R.A. Degree. Some eighty companions were present and I had the pleasure of meeting a number of companions from the Chapters of the South District. This meeting should have encouraged the Chapters of the south, who have been passing through a very trying period.

A unique meeting was held by Alberta, No. 1, when Life Certificates were presented to a number of companions, some of over thirty years' standing. Four Past Grand Masters, as well as several past and sitting Grand Officers of Grand Chapter were present. I was pleased to exercise my prerogative and invite the Past Grand Masters to seats on the dais. An inspiring meeting with a good attendance and harmony prevailing throughout.

On Past Principals' Night at Otuskawan, No. 9, the H.R.A. Degree was conferred in the presence of a splendid gathering of companions. This degree, as with all the degrees by this Chapter, was conferred in an exemplary manner. The companions of this Chapter have frequently shown to me great consideration and kindness. On this occasion I was called upon to receive a token of good comradeship by R. E. Companion C. Comba—a tobacco container, made by one of the companions, on the top of which is a triangle. Had it been made of gold and emblazoned with precious stones, it could not have more profoundly moved me or been more appreciated. For on the triangle were inscribed the words: "To our own Walter from Otuskwan, No. 9."

I had the privilege of installing the officers of Banff, No. 20, Bow Valley, No. 10, and Strathmore, No. 21, and assisted at Keystone, No. 12. During my visit to Medicine Hat the weather was very severe, but the companions of Assiniboia turned out fairly well. At this meeting a motion was passed to contribute \$100.00 to benevolence, from which I gathered that no deserving companions would be suspended for N.P.D.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, at Bassano, was once one of our most active Chapters. Now, owing to the changes in the irrigation scheme of Brooks, many of its companions have moved away. If any of the city Chapters could arrange fraternal visits, it would encourage the fine body of companions forming this Chapter.

My visit to Stratheona, No. 25, at Edmonton, was exceedingly pleasant. A number of the Edmonton companions met me at the hotel, entertained me at dinner, then conveyed me to the Chapter room, where we had a very satisfactory meeting, with some four or five Past Grand First Principals present.

In all my visits, the greatest kindness was shown me, and the office represented by me, was accorded due honors; but, above all, those warm hand clasps and the thrill of looking into eyes expressing honest pleasure at our meeting will remain with me to the end of life's journey.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

A joint meeting of Districts Nos. 1 and 6 was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on November 15th, 1935, under the supervision of R. E. Companions Neal and Mayer. It was attended by some four or five P.G.Z.'s, and other Grand Chapter officers, past and present. Various topics were discussed and the elections carried out. Thanks are due the Grand Superintendents of these Districts for the satisfactory arrangements made and my personal thanks to the M. E. and R. E. Companions for their presence and assistance in contributing to the success of the meeting.

District No. 3 meeting was held in the King George Masonic Temple, Calgary, under the capable supervision of R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke. The attendance was satisfactory. The Grand Superin-

tendent was elected. A number of short addresses were given. Everything indicated a robust life in the Royal Craft in this District.

District No. 4 meeting was at Strathmore, R. E. Companion Corbett, a member of Strathmore, No. 21, presiding. This Chapter provided the entertainment for the visiting companions. All Chapters in the District were represented and reports fairly encouraging. Addresses were given by M. E. Companion Follett and others. A successful meeting.

District No. 5 held its meeting at Lethbridge. Several companions accompanied me, including V. E. Companions Hughes and Graves. This meeting was not as well attended as I had hoped. The companions of Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, exemplified the M.M.M. Degree. The Grand Superintendent then took charge of the meeting. Calling for nominations for Grand Superintendent, only one name was presented. As the companion named was not present, and had not given any assurance that he would accept the office, and as the Chapter of which he is a member was not represented, at my request the election was deferred (the election at this time would have been unconstitutional) until Grand Convocation. After the meeting the companions sat down to an enjoyable repast. After I had addressed the companions, several other companions gave short speeches. The meeting closed, leaving me more firmly convinced that it is well to gather together in fraternal intercourse.

VISITATIONS TO GRAND JURISDICTIONS

On July the 9th, I attended the Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming, held at Buffalo, Wyoming. My reception was most cordial. I was met at Sheridan by M. E. Companions E. G. Scott and F. C. Kniesel and joined by Eminent Sr. Kt. John G. Brown, Past Grand Commander for Montana. After a trip by auto to the scene of the Custer massacre, we were joined by M. E. Companion Walter B. Saunders, Grand High Priest, and a number of M. E. and R. E. Companions and entertained at dinner under the shadow of the Big Horn mountains. We then journeyed to Buffalo. Everything possible was done for my comfort and entertainment. At the meeting of Grand Chapter, my reception was all that could be desired. The Grand High Priest being the Representative of Alberta, everyone seemed determined to overwhelm me with kindness, expressing their pleasure at having a Grand First Principal of Alberta to pay them a fraternal visit. The Chairman of the Committee on Jewels insisted upon my presenting the Past Grand High Priest's Jewel to M. E. Companion Saunders, after which the latter's four sons presented him, in the names of their mother and themselves, with a Past High Priest's regalia; a most unique occurrence. Complying with the request of the G. H. Priest, I addressed the companions and, upon motion, it was resolved to have my remarks printed in their Proceedings. R. E. Companion Henry G. Watson was elected and installed Grand High Priest, the installation of officers being conducted by M. E. Companion Jesse Converse. I shall never forget meeting with such companions, including the R. E. Grand Secretary, R. H. Repath, M. E. Companion W. B. Saunders and a host of others, who made my sojourn amongst them so pleasant.

On February 1st, 1936, I attended the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba in Winnipeg, receiving a most kindly and hospitable welcome from M. E. Companion J. P. Irwin with M. E.

Companion Turner, Grand Chapter of North Dakota, R. E. Companion McCormack, Grand Chapter of Minnesota; R. E. Companion F. Doull, Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and V. E. Companion Wm. Pelky, of the Grand Chapter of Canada. I was much impressed by the attendance, the dispatch with which the business and election of officers was conducted, and the manner in which the installation ceremony was performed. With such capable support, one can anticipate a most successful year for the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion T. M. Cooke. Fully three hundred were entertained at the banquet at night, in the Fort Garry Hotel; good humor and excellent addresses were the order, the principal address being given by Companion Rabbi Solomon Frank, who was most impressive and instructive. I had pleasure in responding to the toast to the sister Jurisdictions. I would here tender sincere thanks for the kindly courtesy extended to me by all, not forgetting M. E. Companion Dart.

On February 26th, 1936, I was present at the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan at Regina, and was welcomed along with M. E. Companion Cooke, of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba; M. E. Companion Van Sickle, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, and M. E. Companion Adams, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. The attendance was good, and the business expeditiously conducted under the guidance of Judge E. R. Wylie, whose report of the year's activities was a masterpiece and proved that this Jurisdiction had for its principal officer a most active, painstaking and earnest worker for Capitular Masonry. M. E. Companion Doull was duly installed as his successor, and from our knowledge of his kindly courtesy, evident ability and wide experience we believe him to be a worthy one.

I would here record my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred on me, along with M. E. Companion T. M. Cooke of Manitoba, of the rank of Honorary Past Grand Principal of Saskatchewan. I was impressed with the excellent work of the Executive Committee, whose meeting I was invited to attend. I venture to predict that with such a capable body looking after its affairs, the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan will, when conditions improve, make wonderful progress. Such is my sincere wish.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Constitution be strictly adhered to in the election of the the Grand Superintendents; that a box be provided for depositing nominations in writing; and that similarly colored paper as that used by Grand Chapter designating the number of votes be used for ballots.

That this Grand Chapter give early consideration to legislation for the elimination of the words "suspended for non-payment of dues," allowing for a period when, if dues are not paid, the companion will be entered as being automatically dropped, so that a wider distinction be given between the companion who perhaps through misfortune is unable to meet his dues and the companion who has committed a Masonic offence; also to remove from the First Principal the onus of suspending companions, thereby making it much pleasanter for a companion to reinstate.

That the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter be printed and distributed to the several Chapters, not later than the First of June; and reviews not received in time to permit of this being carried over to

the following year; and that the First Principal of every Chapter shall cause the main features to be read in open Chapter, with the object of creating a more extended knowledge of and interest in the affairs of Grand Chapter.

It is with much pleasure that I report I was not called upon to make any decisions.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On the account of the death of M. E. Companion Selwood, Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter of Maine, near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I suggested the name of V. E. Companion A. T. Spankie as his successor to the Grand High Priest of Maine, who graciously acquiesced.

I also approved the following appointments of Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters:

Mississippi—R. E. Companion Arthur M. Lyell.
 New Jersey—R. E. Companion Wm. E. Vogel.
 North Dakota—E. Companion L. Eugene Lester.
 Scotland—M. E. Companion J. Mason Allan.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

The following dispensations were granted during the year:

Mount Horeb, No. 6—To change date of regular convocation.
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 North Star, No. 2—To elect Scribe E. out of time.
 Calgary, No. 11—To change date of regular convocation.
 Vermilion, No. 14—To change date of regular convocation.
 Crescent, No. 24—To change date of regular convocation.
 Edson, No. 30—To confer all degrees on a class of candidates in the same day.
 Alberta, No. 1—To change dates of convocations.
 Crescent, No. 24—To change date of regular convocation.
 Golden West, No. 5—To change date of regular convocation.
 Mount Horeb, No. 6—To change date of regular convocation.
 Mount Horeb, No. 6—To install companions who had not served as Ex. Principals.
 Keystone, No. 12—To change date of regular convocation.
 Alberta, No. 1—To change date of regular convocation.
 Calgary, No. 11—To install jointly with Otuskwan, No. 9, in their Chapter room.
 Edson, No. 30—To install as Ex. Principals Z. and H. companions who had not served in the preceding offices.
 Coronation, No. 23—To elect and install out of time.
 Strathecona, No. 25—To install out of time.
 Norwood, No. 18—To install Scribe N. out of time.
 Kether, No. 8—To install out of time.
 Bekah, No. 7—To install out of time.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

Alberta, No. 1—By-law, No. 10, re annual dues and permitting life membership.

Otuskwan, No. 9—Section 8 of By-laws, re meetings of executive committee.

Strathmore, No. 21—New fees for the commutation of dues.

Capital City, No. 13—Section 16 of By-laws amended.

Vermilion, No. 14—New fees for commutation of dues, annual dues.

Calgary, No. 11—Fee for Exaltation from \$50.00 to \$35.00.

My companions, the period through which we are passing is a strenuous one, fraught with difficulties. Sometimes we are prone to become despondent, but let us remember that failure is the foundation of success and the means by which it is achieved. It behoves us therefore to preserve a cheerful out look on life and endeavor to think and plan out means whereby we can improve our faculties the better to help in the building up of a nobler future.

The question arises, Are we doing our part in Masonry? This the companions might well ask themselves. In these trying times there is urgent need for every one to manifest the true Masonic spirit. There are at this moment hundreds of brethren unemployed; are we doing anything towards helping them obtain a remunerative position for the support of their families? There are brethren here and there out of health, are we doing anything for their encouragement? There are that widow and family of a brother recently called to his eternal rest; have we called or written to give them encouragement and comfort? Apart from benevolence Freemasons should give service and kindly thought. The question therefore which should concern all brethren today are, Are we doing our part? Are we worthily honouring our obligations? Let us remember that Masonry is not measured by years, but by deeds, and it is of supreme importance that we keep alive in our hearts the spirit of cheerfulness, the love of life, kindness and thoughtfulness, the necessity of service, the life of tomorrow and the joy of today. Let us never forget that the outside world can only judge the standards of Masonry and the reputation of our Order by the conduct of its members. As Masons we are enjoined to act up to the principles on which Masonry is founded and which are taught in our Lodges and Chapters, and in proportion as we do so or not, will the uninstructed and often definitely antagonistic world judge our institution. The Brother who acts unmasonically, who is habitually intemperate, who acts contrary to the tenets of our Order in his public life, no matter how expert he may be, does the greatest dis-service to the Order. But when the principles of Masonry grip a man's soul they equip him for any service the future may claim from him, and he is better fitted to discharge the duties and bear the responsibilities of that larger world in which he lives and which is unceasingly offering opportunities for service.

The real optimist is he who never allows the shadows of today's evening to darken the brightness of tomorrow's morn. Each day is a closed book; another day brings another beginning, a new opportunity, for

He that hath light within his own clear breast,
May in earth's centre still enjoy bright day;
But he who hides a dark soul walks unblessed,
Benighted, 'neath the sun's meridian ray.

I desire to voice my appreciation and gratitude to our Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, for his ever ready, cheerful assistance and counsel; he permitted me at all times to draw upon his fund of experience and knowledge. Also to those Grand Officers, present and past, and to those companions whose assistance has helped to make my year of office a happy one. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation.

During the year my official duties have caused me to travel by train, bus and auto over ten thousand miles, and as my residence is in the country, I have had to be away from home nearly two months. I have prepared five separate addresses, which I have given at and where time and circumstance permitted. I have at all times been eager to answer the call from any Chapter.

And now, my companions, the sceptre of office will shortly be handed to my worthy successor, who I am sure will receive from you kindly support and consideration similar to that you have accorded me. If at any time during my visits it was my misfortune not to meet your expectations, I trust that with the true Masonic spirit I shall be charitably judged.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER E. MERCER,

Grand First Principal.

The address of Most Excellent Companion Mercer was received by the assembled companions with hearty and prolonged applause.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote reported that no matters had come to the notice of the Committee on Warrants during the past year and he moved the adoption of a report to that effect. The motion was seconded by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey and carried.

HOMAGE TO HIS MAJESTY

M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside: Most Excellent Sir, I think it would be fitting that this Grand Chapter express its loyalty to our new sovereign, Edward VIII, by an appropriate telegram to His Excellency the Governor-General.

On the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that Scribe E. forward a telegram to the Governor-General expressing to His Majesty King Edward VIII the sympathy and loyalty of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Following is the telegram dispatched and the reply thereto:

Lord Tweedsmuir,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Please convey to His Gracious Majesty King Edward the Eighth the sincere and hearty expression of the devotion and loyalty of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta as expressed in annual Convocation today at Edmonton.

C. A. MacPHERSON,

Grand Scribe E.,
Calgary.

(Reply)

Dear Sir:

His Excellency the Governor-General has been commanded by His Majesty the King to convey to the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta His Majesty's deep appreciation of their message of loyalty and devotion contained in your telegram of March 18th.

Yours truly,

A. S. REDFERN,

Secretary to the Governor-General.

C. A. MacPherson, Esq.
Grand Scribe E..
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta,
Calgary, Alberta.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand First Principal then requested Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and the following Companions were assembled before the altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and duly welcomed by the Grand First Principal:

R. E. Companion W. H. Scott, Arkansas.

R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, British Columbia.

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, District of Columbia.

M. E. Companion A. West, Indiana.
 R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin Ireland.
 M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, Maryland.
 M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, Michigan.
 R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke Minnesota.
 R. E. Companion A. Robinson, Mississippi.
 R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Missouri.
 M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, Nebraska.
 V. E. Companion O. J. Barker, Nevada.
 R. E. Companion F. Milne, New Hampshire.
 M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, New Jersey.
 R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp, New Mexico.
 M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, Oklahoma.
 R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, Quebec.
 R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, South Dakota.
 M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, Vermont.
 R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, West Virginia.
 R. E. Companion W. J. Haynes, Wisconsin.
 V. E. Companion W. W. Bill, Wyoming.

Some of the Representatives were not present at roll-call, but were in attendance at Grand Convocation; others expressed their regrets personally to Grand Scribe E.

The greetings of the Grand Chapters represented were voiced by the respective Representatives, and R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, speaking on behalf of the Representatives present, said—

Most Excellent Sir, on behalf of these Representatives of the different Grand Chapters, I extend to you our appreciation of the very cordial welcome given us. We congratulate you on the peaceful and harmonious year you have had in office and extend to you our best wishes for an enjoyable and profitable Convocation.

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: On behalf of Grand Chapter of Alberta, I desire to thank you, Companions, as ambassadors of the various jurisdictions you represent. I am sure you are welcome at all times.

I request that you, on your arrival home, will proceed to inform your various jurisdictions that you have conveyed their messages to us and that we, as a Grand Chapter, are pleased to receive them and that we appreciate them. Take to your several jurisdictions the greetings and kindest wishes of this Grand Body. Thank you all, Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at their inability to be present and conveying fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful Convocation, were read from:

M. E. Companion J. E. Johnson, Victoria B. C.
 M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards, Quebec.
 M. E. Companion W. B. Saunders, Wyoming.
 M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton.
 M. E. Companion A. Davison.
 R. E. Companion S. L. McCracken.
 R. E. Companion P. Fielding.

Upon the suggestion of M. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, it was agreed that Grand Chapter adjourn at 12:30 p.m. and re-convene at 2:00 p.m.

The preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials was then submitted by R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal.

On the suggestion of M. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, it was agreed that the reading of the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts might be dispensed with and the reports turned in to Grand Scribe E., accompanied at this time by such remarks as the Grand Superintendents might wish to make.

Reports were then submitted by:

R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal	District No. 1
R. E. Companion Peter A. Davie.	District No. 2
R. E. Companion J. Lester Clarke	District No. 3
R. E. Companion Ernest Corbett.	District No. 4
R. E. Companion William H. Smith	District No. 5
R. E. Companion Frank Mayer.	District No. 6

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

Edmonton, Alberta, January 31st, 1936

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

During the past year it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve District No. 1 as District Superintendent, and I have the honour to submit, for your consideration and approval, my report of the activities of the Chapters in this District.

Fortunately I was able to visit every Chapter at least once officially, and the City Chapters on many occasions. There was a noticeable lack of new candidates throughout the District, but I found the officers of every Chapter making earnest efforts in various ways to retain the interest of their Companions. In some cases fraternal visits were of great benefit; in others the First Principals had arranged programmes of educational and social interest. Due to prevailing economic conditions, the outstanding dues have assumed alarming proportions; but I am pleased to report that in many cases careful consideration was given by the Chapters to the circumstances of any Companion in arrears through misfortune, and that in instances when the need was established dues were taken care of by the Chapter.

To sum up, the condition of Capitular Masonry in District No. 1, I would say, compares favourably with that of the last few years and speaks well for the assiduity of the officers.

My official visits to Chapters were as follows:

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25

I visited this Chapter on many occasions, and made my official visit on September 19th. No degree work was exemplified, but the regular business was handled with dispatch. The officers are proficient in their work, and harmony prevails. Scribe E., V. E. Companion O. J. Barker, is to be congratulated on the manner in which the books and records are kept. I accompanied the Grand First Principal on his official visit to this Chapter on November 21st. The large attendance was representative of all the Chapters in the City. On December 19th, at the request of the First Principal, I acted as installing officer, and was ably assisted by R. E. Companion Sandilands and all the past Principals of the Chapter.

North Star Chapter, No. 2

This Chapter was visited officially on October 8th. The officers exemplified the Work in the Mark Master Mason Degree, and dispatched the regular business. Their evident sincerity I am sure impressed the candidate with the Work. The new Scribe E., R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, has the books in good order and is enthusiastic in discharging his duties. The First Principal had arranged a winter programme of interest and the officers work in harmony with him.

Mount Olivet, No. 17

Accompanied by M. E. Companions A. West, W. T. Coote, R. E. Companions Sandilands and Companion Lilley, I made an official visit to this Chapter on October 16th. The regular business was transacted by the regular officers. This Chapter is located at Killam and the membership of thirty-seven is widely scattered which tends to hinder frequent companionship. However, the officers are striving to carry on notwithstanding this handicap, and are determined to continue to promote the good of the Order in their community.

Mount Horeb, No. 6

On October 23rd I visited this Chapter at Wetaskiwin. There were twenty-three members and visitors present and the regular business of the Chapter was transacted in an efficient manner. This Chapter is retaining the interest of its members and the present membership is sixty-one. Not having new candidates, the First Principal arranged for a programme of social events to cover the winter season. The books are well kept by Scribe E. and are in good order.

Vermilion, No. 14

I visited Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, on November 12th, it being the occasion of the election of officers for the ensuing year. The regular business of the Chapter was conducted by the officers in a capable manner and a fairly good representation of the membership was on hand to take part in the deliberations. This Chapter is very fortunate in having a Scribe E. who is particular in every detail and a real credit to the Chapter. V. E. Companion Bell has been in office continually for many years and the smooth running of this Chapter is, without doubt, due to his untiring efforts. The officers are all enthusiastic, and, with the guiding hand of M. E. Companion Morrison, are steadily making progress.

Annual District Meeting

The Annual District Meeting of Districts Nos. 1 and 6 was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on November 18th. The meeting was attended by representatives from nearly every Chapter in the two districts. Fifty-three Companions signed the register. The meeting was opened by the First Principal of Vermilion Chapter, Excellent Companion E. Davies, with other officers from that Chapter and officers of the various city Chapters. R. E. Companion Frank Mayer, District Superintendent of District No. 6, presided and welcomed the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, who was presented by the undersigned. After the business procedure, the Grand First Principal gave an address on the teachings of the Royal Arch Degree. During the evening the election of a District Superintendent for the ensuing year resulted in Ex. Companion Frank Grandage, of Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam, being elected.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation to the Chapters of the District for the kindly welcome accorded me on all my visits and to thank all the officers for their co-operation and support. To our Grand Second Principal, R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, who accompanied me on every visit I made during the year, and to M. E. Companion A. West, V. E. Companion W. Sharp and E. Companion J. A.

Dunn, who kindly took their cars when long trips were necessary, my appreciative thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours fraternally,

HARRY C. NEAL,

Grand Superintendent, District No. 1.

DISTRICT No. 2

Youngstown, Alberta, January 31st, 1936

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2.

I regret that I cannot report any notable increase in membership. Capitular Masonry in this District is in a very fair condition, and the Chapters, I believe, will improve as conditions improve.

Accompanied by Ex. Companions Dishan, McKellar, Steckle and Companions Barton and McCulley, I paid my official visit to Hanna Chapter, No. 28, September 18th. This was a reunion of Hanna Chapter and a good number of members were present. No degree work was done. The condition of this Chapter is good. After the Chapter business was concluded the District Meeting was held.

I paid an official visit to Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, at Drumbheller, at their regular December Convocation. A very good attendance. The election of officers was carried out in a smart and efficient manner. This Chapter is very active and the Past Principals are very anxious to assist and make the convocation interesting.

Hiram Chapter is my home Chapter, and I attended every meeting, and made an official visit on August 19th. The membership is not large but the officers are very enthusiastic and the convocations are made as interesting as possible. Being Scribe E. of this Chapter, I may state that at the beginning of the year unpaid dues were large but that, with special concessions given, the dues are coming in splendidly.

I regret very much that I was unable to visit Coronation Chapter. Having to drive fifty miles across country, on the day I had arranged to visit the roads were impassable. I hope before my term expires to visit Coronation.

The District Meeting was held in conjunction with a re-union Convocation of Hanna Chapter, No. 28. While Hanna Chapter was in session the Grand Superintendent was received with Grand Honors, and following this reception M. Ex. Companion Mercer, the Grand Z., was also received with Grand Honors.

At 9:15 p.m., Ex. Companion Lailey, of Hanna Chapter, handed over the gavel to the Grand Superintendent. The minutes of the last District meeting held at Hanna on October 26th, 1934, were read.

Reports from the four Chapters were given. Hanna Chapter, No. 28, reported that it was having difficulty in financing, but had re-arranged overhead and adjusted rent, and that this re-arrangement was solving the financial problems. The report also stated that though average attendance was small, harmony prevailed.

The report of Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, revealed considerable degree work in Drumheller, one demit, one suspension. Harmony prevailing. There were three exaltations, average attendance 27, membership roll 70.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, reported small resident membership of 13, non-resident 21; one exaltation; considerable dues arrears, but some reduced through adjustment re-arrangement with delinquents. Chapter healthy financially. Harmony prevails.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23, reported renewed interest. Average attendance 10. Takes all funds to carry on. Two deaths during year. Chapter going along very nicely.

A motion was passed at the meeting that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late M. E. Companion Selwood.

V. Ex. Companion Harrison, Eheyeh Chapter, was unanimously elected Grand Superintendent.

Before closing the District meeting, Grand Z. gave a short forceful address relative to the stimulation and renewing of interest in Capitular Masonry.

In conclusion, I thank the Companions of District No. 2 for electing me to this high and honorable office. I have striven to be worthy of their confidence. I especially thank Companion A. R. Bond who acted as District Secretary. For my successor, V. E. Companion Harrison, I would ask a continuance of the support and companionship which has made my task a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

P. A. DAVIE,
Grand Superintendent District No. 2.

DISTRICT No. 3

Didsbury, Alberta, January 27th, 1936

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

I have visited officially each Chapter in this District once during the year, and also have had the pleasure and privilege of visiting the Calgary Chapters on other occasions. In every instance I was heartily welcomed and a splendid fraternal spirit was manifested. I have to thank the Companions generally for the many courtesies which I received.

On April 24th, I attended the twenty-first anniversary of Keystone Chapter, No. 12, held at Sylvan Lake under the able management of Rt. Ex. Companion W. J. Stephenson. Companions from Edmonton and Calgary and intervening points, together with their ladies, filled the spacious dining-room of the Sylvan Lake Hotel. A most enjoyable evening was spent renewing old acquaintances and meeting new Companions.

On the evening of June 19th, I attended the twenty-first anniversary of Calgary Chapter, No. 11, at King George Masonic Temple. The M.M.M. Degree was exemplified by the regular officers. There were present M. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, Grand First Principal; R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, Grand Third Principal; and three Past First Principals, M. E. Companion A. Davison, M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside and M. E. Companion Jas. A. McGhee. This was also a very memorable occasion.

Both of these Chapters are to be congratulated on having attained their majority. They have successfully passed through their infancy, childhood and youth, and now stand in their strength ready to render greater service to mankind.

The books of the various Chapters are well kept. Several Chapters are adopting the loose leaf system in their Record Book, and I would advise all Chapters to do this as soon as convenient. Three of the Chapters exemplified the Work, one conferred degrees, and the other two simply carried on the general Chapter work.

During my term of office I delivered lectures on "The Ministry of Masonry," "When Is A Man A Mason?", "The Functions of Fraternalism," and "The Bible in Masonry."

The finances, especially in the smaller Chapters, are not in as good shape as one could wish, owing to two reasons: the number of those in arrears of dues, and the lack of exaltation fees.

My fuller report on each individual Chapter is herewith attached as well as the report of the District Meeting.

Finally, I wish to thank the Companions of District No. 3 most sincerely for electing me to the high office of Grand Superintendent. In my humble opinion, the honor is to my Chapter, Joseph Stauffer, No. 22. I am grateful to the Past and Present Grand Officers for their kindly help and co-operation, and to the Companions of my own Chapter for accompanying me on my visitations.

Fraternally submitted,

J. LESTER CLARK,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 3.

DISTRICT No. 4

225-4th Ave. W., Calgary, Alta., March 12th, 1936

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report for the past year on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 4.

I visited all the Chapters in the District several times, with the exception of Harmony Chapter, No. 26, which I was able to visit only on one occasion, and this was purposely not an official visit as I felt it would be in the interests of Masonry to make the official visit at a later date. Unfortunately, on account of very severe weather and road conditions in this district since October last, it has been impossible to arrange an official meeting, in fact, no meetings were held during January and February as it was absolutely impossible for the members to get there.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1

On April 8th I accompanied Most Ex. Companion W. E. Mercer on his official visit to Alberta Chapter, No. 1. The attendance was very good. We had the pleasure of hearing a very interesting lecture given by R. E. Companion Frank Milne.

On May 13th I made my official visit to Alberta Chapter, No. 1, accompanied by several Grand Chapter officers and Companions. Dr. W. S. Quint gave his illustrated address on "Recent Advances in X-Ray." It was a very pleasant and profitable evening. There being no degree work. I observed the capable manner in which the general business was conducted by E. Companion H. D. Fawcett, and noted the excellent manner in which the records are kept by R. E. Companion F. J. Hand.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9

On April 4th I unofficially visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. There was a large number of Grand Chapter officers and members present. I thoroughly enjoyed witnessing the manner in which the H.R.A. degree was conferred.

On May 2nd I accompanied Most Excellent Companion Mercer on his official visit to Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. A large number of Companions had the pleasure of listening to a very fine address by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer. There was no degree work.

On October 3rd I visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, accompanied by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, V. E. Companion A. T. Spankie, and a large number of officers and Companions from Crescent Chapter, No. 24, who were paying a fraternal visit. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred on Brothers Leo Robert Wood and William Harry Scott very impressively. The very efficient manner in which all the work is arranged, the business transacted and records kept is evidence of much planning and co-operation between all officers and members. It is always a treat and an inspiration to visit Otuskwan Chapter and I am genuinely sorry that more of our country members do not avail themselves of the opportunity.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10

On September 10th I visited Bow Valley Chapter No. 10. The attendance was very small on account of the harvest being in full swing.

On October 8th I visited Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, officially, accompanied by R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell and Companion Blackstock from Medicine Hat. The attendance was much better than that of the previous meeting but still not all that could be desired. There are a few very faithful members who are doing all possible to create more interest and increase the membership; this work however has been rather discouraging during the past few years as this district has prob-

ably been hit as hard as any in Alberta. The records are very well kept. Several visits were planned by the Calgary Chapters during the last fall and winter but had to be abandoned on account of bad roads and weather conditions. I would ask that the Calgary Chapters keep this in mind and visit when possible because their enthusiasm and assistance will mean much to Bow Valley during the next year or so.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26

On June 26th I unofficially visited Harmony Chapter No. 26, the M. E. the Grand First Principal paying an official visit. No work was put on. Attendance was small. The records are well kept. Harmony Chapter is in much the same condition as Bow Valley Chapter. They are having a rather difficult time to operate, due principally to the general depression, very poor crops in this area and several of the members having been transferred from the district.

I would recommend that these two Chapters receive special attention from the incoming District Superintendent as I feel that, owing to the nature of my personal duties and the extreme weather conditions, I have not given them the support they reasonably expected.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21

Strathmore being my own Chapter, I have attended all the meetings with the exception of two.

We have received the greatest honor that can possible be given a Chapter in that The Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, W. E. Mercer, is a member. His sound council is much appreciated by all.

We have had one candidate during the year and have several more in view; in fact, prospects for 1936 are better than they have been for several years.

Ex. Companion S. Slater, his officers and members have reason to feel proud of the year's work. I feel that real progress has been made. The spirit of the Chapter was never better so that, in my opinion, we can look forward with assurance.

District Meeting

The District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction was held in the Strathmore Masonic Hall, Strathmore, on November 29th, at 7:30 p.m. The Chapter was opened by the officers of Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. The Grand Superintendent was officially received and heartily welcomed by the Excellent First Principal, E. Companion Slater.

Having been received, I took charge of the meeting and requested R. E. Companion C. Comba to retire and introduce the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, which being done, the Most Excellent Companion was given the Grand Honors and escorted to the East. He expressed his pleasure at the hearty manner in which he had been received and requested that the business be proceeded with.

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett and a large number of Grand Chapter officers accompanying the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal were invited to the East.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction having been read and confirmed, V. E. Companion Arthur T.

Spankie, of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, was elected Grand Superintendent for 1936.

The Most Excellent Z. addressed the meeting, giving a splendid detailed account of actual conditions as he had found them when visiting the various districts.

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett gave a short address relating many of his experiences during his vacation last June when he visited Eastern Canada and the United States.

The meeting was closed with E. Companion H. D. Fawcett, First Principal of Alberta Chapter, in the First Principal's chair.

A very pleasant time followed in the banquet room, a splendid program having been arranged by Strathmore Chapter, and the toastmaster, R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, excelling his usual good form. The Companions appeared to enjoy this part of our meeting immensely and seemed reluctant to have it close. This, it seems, to me, indicates that at times we might sacrifice some of the formality of our meetings and benefit from the more sociable spirit created by such informal gatherings.

I wish to thank R. E. Companion F. J. Hand for his splendid work as Scribe E., and also E. Companion S. Slater and his officers and members for their loyal support which ensured a successful meeting.

It was unfortunate that Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen, and Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano, were only represented by one member each as bad roads made it impossible for many to attend. I feel that these two Chapters sustained a direct loss.

In conclusion, I wish to thank every Companion in the District as well as the Grand Officers who so kindly assisted me during my term of office. It has been, I assure you, an honour and a pleasure to serve as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, and I desire to express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me. My only regret is that I have not been able to devote more time to this most important duty.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST CORBETT,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 4.

DISTRICT No. 5

Lethbridge, Alberta, 29th March, 1936

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit my report as Grand Superintendent during 1935-36 of District No. 5.

In the first place, I wish to put on record my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the Companions of the District in electing me to the distinguished office of Grand Superintendent. In the second

place, I am conscious that the duties of the office have not been discharged as satisfactorily as they ought to have been; in the matter of visitation I have been remiss and regret that for several reasons I did not cover my territory as I should have done.

My official visits were as follows:

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4. (my own Chapter)—I have attended most of the regular meetings, and officially visited on the 8th of May, 1935, when there was a fair attendance but no work was done.

I revisited this Chapter on 11th September, 1935, when the officers exemplified the Most Excellent Master Degree and demonstrated their efficiency.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7.—I visited this Chapter on the 1st May, 1935. Unfortunately there were not sufficient members present to form a quorum. On the 5th February, 1936, when the Installation of Officers was on the agenda, I revisited this Chapter, but there were not enough members present to open the Chapter. It was very cold, and I was told that many of the members live at considerable distances from the Chapter. At the election date it was decided to re-elect their officers to carry on for the ensuing year.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16.—I visited this Chapter on 7th May, 1935, but there were not enough members present to open the Chapter. On 11th December, 1935, I again visited this Chapter and was well received. There was no work on hand, but the determined spirit shown to carry on in spite of the difficulties under which they were operating favourably impressed me.

This Chapter re-elected its former slate of officers for 1936 and seemed very hopeful for the future, as they had candidates coming along and had better expectations for the coming year.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of No. 5 District was held in Lethbridge on the 9th October, 1935, when the officers of Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, opened the Convocation.

After the reception of the Grand Superintendent, the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion W. E. Mercer, and several other Grand Officers were introduced, properly received and welcomed by E. Companion T. R. Davidson, of Shekinah Chapter.

After dispatching the business of the evening, the Chapter was turned over to the Grand Superintendent, who requested the officers of Shekinah Chapter to carry out the arrangement and exemplify the Mark Master Mason Degree, and this was very creditably done.

Assuming the direction of the Chapter, the Grand Superintendent asked the representatives of Chapters present to furnish brief reports of their own Chapters as to standing, activities, etc.

As there were no representatives from three of the Chapter of the District, the election of Grand Superintendent was deferred until a nomination could be secured and consequently it was left to the discretion of the new Grand Superintendent, when elected, to decide the place and date of the next District meeting.

In conclusion, I wish to report that Chapters of this district, with one exception, have done as well as could be expected under the present trying conditions. Bekah Chapter is experiencing difficulties, but the members have decided to reappoint the old officers and still carry on. Capitular Masonry in this District as elsewhere (and like all other fraternal organizations) is still staggering under the shock of economic conflict, and its effect upon the financial status of the Chapter and the individual member is all too apparent. Lack of work, excessive outstanding dues, and scanty attendance at our convocations constitute our major difficulties at present. However, with the improvement of business conditions in the Province and elsewhere, there are indications which encourage the hope that shortly Royal Arch Masonry will resume its proper place in our life and activities.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. SMITH,
Grand Superintendent, District No 5.

DISTRICT No. 6

9837-103rd Street, Edmonton, Alberta,
January 25th, 1936.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report, covering my duties and activities as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6 during 1935-36.

In my capacity as Grand Superintendent, I have officially visited all the Chapters once, and the majority of them several times, and others outside my jurisdiction quite frequently. Upon every occasion I have been most heartily welcomed and have to thank the Companions generally for the many courtesies extended to me.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13—On May 10th, 1935, I paid my official visit to Capital City Chapter, No. 13, and was accompanied by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, Grand H.; R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal, Grand Superintendent, District No. 1; and a number of past and present Grand Chapter officers. There was a good attendance of Companions and visitors. The business of this Chapter was very capably administered; the books and records are in good order. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred on Wor. Bro. Sorenson in a most impressive and able manner by E. Companion F. C. Bradford and his officers. Great care is taken by this Chapter with the degree work. Every detail is carefully given, the whole lending great dignity to the degree and tending to leave a lasting impression on the candidate. The Convocation was closed in harmony, after which a splendid luncheon was served and greetings exchanged. A very happy and wonderful evening.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18—I made my official visit to Norwood Chapter on October 3rd, 1935, being accompanied by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, Grand H.; R. E. Companion John H. Richardson, V. E. Companions James G. Walker and Geo. Blyth. The attendance was fair, a large number of visitors being present.

This was the regular monthly Convocation. There was no degree work, but the business was conducted in a very creditable manner. The books and records were in excellent condition.

Non-attendance and Unpaid Dues, with the resulting loss in membership, were a source of worry to the Companions, and these questions were freely discussed and remedies were suggested. This Chapter is trying to meet the problems of the day with courage and fortitude. The Convocation was closed in harmony, after which a splendid luncheon was served. An instructive evening.

Edson Chapter, No. 30—An official visit to my own Chapter, Edson Chapter, No. 30, was made on October 19th, 1935. Since Grand Chapter last March, I had been transferred at my work on the railway and had been living in Edmonton since July; therefore, it seemed strange to make a long trip to visit my own Chapter officially.

I was accompanied by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, Grand H.; R. E. Companions Walter Hill, K. Fraser, G. L. Tipp; V. E. Companions J. G. Walker and J. Cleavelly and many Excellent Companions and Companions (some twenty-five in all, representing all the Edmonton Chapters). The weather was excellent and most of the visiting Companions travelled by car. There was a splendid attendance of some fifty Companions.

This was an emergent Convocation, and a dispensation had been kindly granted by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, Grand First Principal, to confer the three degrees in one day, owing to the inaccessibility of the Edson Coal Branch, where the candidates hailed from. Seven candidates presented themselves. The Mark Master Mason Degree was ably conferred by E. Companion Wm. Wilson, of Edson Chapter, No. 30, and his officers; E. Companion C. F. Bradford, of Capital City Chapter, No. 13, and his officers conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree; and the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred by a team comprising officers from all the Edmonton Chapters. The whole three degrees were conferred with great dignity and excellence and the candidates were much impressed. Very gratifying. The books of Companion A. J. Fyfe, Scribe E., were in excellent condition, all records in order and the finances in good shape. Unpaid dues were down to the low mark of twenty dollars. Prospects for the future excellent.

At the close of the Chapter, a splendid luncheon was served, followed by excellent speeches. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to an end a most inspiring meeting. The day had not been an easy one and called for hard work for all those taking part, but there was amongst the Companions a "something done, something accomplished" feeling. The Companions of Edson Chapter are to be congratulated on the perfect arrangements made. To the visitors from Edmonton my thanks for their part in making this day one of such astonishing success. Many friends were made and the true spirit of Capitular Masonry was abroad; I trust it will be kept alight and shining in this part of Alberta.

Joint District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction—A joint Chapter of Instruction of Districts Nos. 1 and 6 was held on November 8th, 1935, in the Central Masonic Temple. The Chapter was opened by officers of Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, when the District Superintendents of the two Districts were introduced by R. E. Companion George Rait and were officially received with Grand Honors. I took charge of the meeting and R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal retired and introduced the

Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, who was accompanied by the Grand Council and other Grand Chapter Officers. The Most Excellent Companion was given the Grand Honors and escorted to the East where he was tendered the sceptre. After acknowledging the greetings and expressing his thanks, he returned the sceptre and requested that the business be proceeded with.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Some discussion took place as to the position of the Working Tools, and Chapter attendance received attention, the Grand First Principal urging all Chapters to endeavour to retain the interest of the Companions. Most Excellent Companion W. E. Mercer gave a brief address covering the work in the Royal Arch Degree, explaining the beauties and benefits that must necessarily be derived from its teachings. V. E. Companion Geo. Blyth, of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 6 for the ensuing year. A pleasant time in the Banquet Room followed, the toastmaster, R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal, taking charge. The Companions listened with interest to addresses by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer and Companion J. J. Eissen, the latter speaking on "The Great Wall of China."

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29—Accompanied by R. E. Companion N. A. Bolli and R. E. Companion A. E. Shaw, I officially visited David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, on January 16th, 1936. On leaving Edmonton it was extremely cold, being 28 below zero. At Edson I was met by many of the Companions there. Arriving at Jasper the temperature was over 20 above zero—almost summerlike. I was greeted warmly by the Companions. There was only a fair turnout, as most of the members are employed in the running trades on the railway, and it seems almost impossible for many to get away from duty at one time. There was no degree work. I gave a talk on Capitular Masonry and its problems in Alberta today. Questions were asked and answered. I advised this Chapter to put on the work occasionally even in the absence of candidates. The books are kept in excellent condition and the Historical Register up-to-date by Scribe E., Ex. Companion A. Gray. The finances are also in a healthy condition.

During the year I was privileged to accompany R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal on his official visits to North Star Chapter, No. 2, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, and Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, and on all three occasions I received a hearty reception.

I was privileged to be present at the installation of officers of the four Edmonton Chapters, and to take part in the ceremony of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, and Capital City Chapter, No. 13.

Bearing in mind the discussion on the Condition of Capitular Masonry at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, I have been keenly observant of conditions in general, not only on my official visits, but on all my numerous visits to the various Chapters, both within and without my jurisdiction. The majority of the Chapters are well officered by keen and capable men, who, in the main, are well aware of the difficulties of the times, particularly those of Non-attendance and Unpaid Dues; they are getting together on a common ground, and meeting these problems with courage. I believe conditions are now down to bedrock, and, with an improvement in the times, I sincerely believe happier days are ahead for Capitular Masonry, not only financially, but in the better conception of those principles that are fundamentally in our time-honoured institution.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my great appreciation to R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, Grand H., for his kindly help and support on all occasions; also to R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal, for his hearty co-operation in many and varied ways. They made it a pleasure to serve as a Grand Superintendent in this District.

In conclusion, I thank the Companions of this District giving me the great honor of serving as Grand Superintendent. In my humble opinion the honor is to my own Chapter, Edson Chapter, No. 30, the baby Chapter of Alberta, and I feel justifiably proud. I also desire to express my gratitude to the officers of the Chapters in my district for their help and many kindnesses and hospitality to myself and those accompanying me. The work has been pleasant and I trust the many friendships formed will last until we pass the Veil.

Freaternally submitted,

FRANK MAYER,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 6.

On the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E., having been printed, be distributed and taken as read.

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

I submit for your consideration, a summary of the returns as shown by the Scribes E. The loss in membership is very little less than last year, but despite this, we have been enabled to keep our disbursements well within our receipts; our bank balance is slightly more than last year although two Chapters failed to make their payment of per capita within the fiscal year of Grand Chapter.

In accordance with Section 115 of the Constitution, fines have been charged against some twelve Chapters. Owing to severe weather conditions at the regular time for installations, some were unable to conduct this ceremony and were thus prevented from completing their returns within the prescribed time limit. I would suggest that Grand Chapter give these Chapters sympathetic consideration.

Statement of Membership

Number of Chapters.....	30	
Number of members, December 31st, 1934		2,189

Increase

Admissions to December 31st, 1935.....	27	
Affiliations to December 31st, 1935	11	
Restorations to December 31st 1935.....	5	
	43	

Decrease

Withdrawals to December 31st, 1935.....	67	
Suspensions to December 31st, 1935.....	91	
Deaths to December 31st, 1935.....	30	
	188	
Net Decrease.....	145	
Number of members on Roll, December 31st, 1935.....		2,044

Fraternally submitted,

CYRIL A. MacPHERSON,

Grand Scribe E.

RESTORATIONS

Golden West, No. 5...	Walter C. Thurber.
Mount Horeb, No. 6 ..	H S. Finch.
Otuskawan, No. 9....	W. L. Tolton.
Calgary, No. 11.....	R. Simpson.
Coronation. No. 23.....	C. K. Sutherland

WITHDRAWALS

- Alberta, No. 1 D. Garrick, F. W. Gilliespie, S. S. Savage,
F. R. Braddon, J. E. Rushton, C. O. Robin-
son, L. H. Irwin, A. Ross, D. Anderson,
W. White, H. Hansen, H. G. H. Glass
F. D. Patterson.
- North Star, No. 2 P. Herring, N. B. Moors, H. Parsons, A.
Parry, C. Sine, R. Lundeen
- Assiniboia, No. 3 W. M. Henderson, C. L. Hood, J. Bruce,
L. Kinneman, N. M. Waldo.
- Shekinah, No. 4 A. M. Graham, T. B. McGregor.
- Golden West, No. 5 W. G. Young, A. McF. Ramsay, J. S.
Glover.
- Bekah, No. 7 G. J. Golson, W. J. Moorehead.
- Kether, No. 8 R. Y. Laidlaw.
- Otuskwan, No. 9 A. McCulloch, F. G. Garbutt, C. R. Edwards,
S. Galbraith, A. W. Lowther, R. C. Arm-
strong, W. J. Oliver, J. A. Mitchell.
- Calgary, No. 11 J. Campbell, E. J. Gush.
- Capital City, No. 13 J. B. Warner, G. Inglis, G. E. McVittie, A.
H. Jordan, W. F. Robertson, G. S. Arm-
strong.
- Vermilion, No. 14 D. J. Dickson, F. W. Addison.
- Mount Olivet, No. 17 W. T. Lucas.
- Norwood, No. 18 J. M. Beresford.
- Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 C. B. Olson.
- Crescent, No. 24 R. H. Pepperdine (1934), A. Young.
- Strathcona, No. 25 W. H. Hilton, A. L. Watkins.
- Harmony, No. 26 H. F. McDonald, Dr. W. G. Anderson,
V. Hogan, R. P. Clines, H. P. Filleul,
S. Ireland, L. F. Woodford.
- Ehneyeh, No. 27 D. M. Dickson.
- Hanna, No. 28 E. R. Murphy, E. H. Targett, D. W. McCuaig

SUSPENSIONS

- Alberta, No. 1 G. H. Briscoe, C. H. Nelson, G. Spencer,
E. J. James.
- North Star, No. 2 F. W. B. Anderson, J. B. Carmichael, G. F.
Gordon, R. W. Grieve, E. Gambier, W. S.
Herlihy, G. A. Johnson, J. Keith, R. G.
McLellan, J. H. McKeen, J. C. Nattress,
J. R. Powell, J. Price, L. W. Saunders,
M. C. Walls, V. W. West, W. J. Young.
- Assiniboia, No. 3 G. M. Armstrong, T. G. Angus, J. L. Dom-
brosky, J. E. Davies, V. B. Hodges,
D. F. Legh, D. R. Ware, (R. S. Beattie,
J. W. Reid, suspended by Craft Lodge.)
- Golden West, No. 5 T. F. McCarthy, R. L. Walker, A. G. Spooner,
H. Springer.
- Mount Horeb, No. 6 H. A. Blair, R. Johnson, G. Lauderback,
J. A. Kerr, E. H. Cooke, E. A. Holbrook,
G. M. Jaynes, J. G. LaFrance.
- Bekah, No. 7 J. B. Allison, R. A. Clements, M. R. Mathe-
son, D. McLean, W. T. Thompson.
- Otuskawan, No. 9 E. Moorehouse, W. Reay, J. D. Stafford, W.
Symons.
- Bow Valley, No. 10 H. Scott, W. T. Scott, H. Harmer, C. A.
Larsen.

- Calgary, No. 11. A. Chesney, W. M. Hart, C. E. Hope, H. H. Johnson.
 Capital City, No. 13. . . . H. G. Duncan, H. G. McDonald, C. N. Milner, A. Calder, D. M. Morrison, C. Allan, J. Hunt.
 Vermilion, No. 14. E. H. Shewin, J. A. Rutherford, J. Hay, G. T. McGregor, D. L. H. Hunn.
 Norwood, No. 18. D. Muir, J. Tibbits, A. T. Elrick, J. Lorimer, G. Smith, G. Youngberg.
 Strathmore, No. 21. C. W. Barber, R. Boyles, A. W. McKechnie.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22. . . W. R. Bayseroft.
 Crescent, No. 24. J. H. Ross, W. F. Curtis, W. Norris.
 Strathcona, No. 25. J. H. Pavey.
 Harmony, No. 26. J. A. Willsie, H. Ward, J. A. Allen, G. A. Beck, C. D. Hagger.
 Eheyeh, No. 27. A. White.

Balance Sheet as at February 29th, 1936

ASSETS

Bank Balance, General Account.	\$1,958.60
Savings Account	15.73
Cash on Hand	5.00
Accrued Interest, Savings Cert's	28.50
Due from Chapters	<u>\$2,007.83</u>
Inventories:	355.92
Chapter Supplies	\$ 852.79
Chapter Regalia	9.97
Office Supplies	271.51
Insurance	10.02
Grand Officers' Regalia at Cost	<u>1,144.29</u>
Office Equipment	<u>\$1,426.34</u>
Library	556.65
	66.12
Less Depreciation.	<u>\$2,049.11</u>
	<u>1,317.15</u>

731.96

\$4,240.00

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Cash in Bank	\$ 100.00
Savings Certificates	3,900.00
	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Surplus at Feb. 28th, 1935	\$4,157.78
Less 1935 Fines remitted	81.25
Revenue Surplus, 1935-36	<u>\$4,076.53</u>
	163.47

\$4,240.00

EXPENSE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT
For the Year Ending February 29th, 1936

EXPENSE

Depreciation.....	\$ 105.76	
Grand Chapter Expense:		
Proceedings.....	\$276.41	
Rent and Tyler.....	25.00	
Entertainment.....	27.28	
Annual Notices.....	12.46	
	<u>341.15</u>	
District and Chapter Reports	\$ 28.09	
Flowers and Obituary Notices ..	15.84	
Past Grand Z.'s Regalia (3)	208.40	
	<u>252.33</u>	
		\$593.48
Travelling Expenses:		
Grand Z.....	\$220.00	
Grand Superintendents.....	150.00	
Grand Lecturer.....	12.55	
	<u>382.55</u>	
		382.55
Office Expenses:		
Salaries.....	\$625.00	
Insurance.....	21.57	
Supplies.....	63.48	
Stamps.....	46.41	
Chapter Supplies.....	6.79	
Engrossing.....	14.50	
	<u>777.75</u>	
		777.75
		<u>\$1,859.54</u>
Surplus for the year		163.47
		<u>\$2,023.01</u>

REVENUE

Affiliations.....	\$ 11.00
Certificates.....	79.00
Dispensations.....	42.00
Dues.....	1,428.75
Fines.....	92.50
Copies of Work.....	45.50
Life Memberships.....	153.00
Interest.....	162.74
Chapter Regalia.....	8.52
	<u>\$2,023.01</u>

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1935

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1934	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1935	Increase	Decrease	Net Decrease
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	J. T. Thorne	F. J. Hand	213	1	1	1	13	4	6	190	23	...	...
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	J. D. Barelay	A. B. McCurdy	131	1	1	1	17	3	106	25	...	...	...
3	Asinibolia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	G. F. Pauling	W. B. Stevens	156	1	1	1	5	9	2	140	16	...	...
4	Shenandoah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	T. Beswick	J. C. Redman	132	1	1	1	2	4	126	6	...	...	...
5	Golden West	High River	4th Thursday	A. L. Clemens	W. B. Way	70	1	1	1	3	4	66	4	...	...	...
6	Mount Horsh	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	F. MacFarlane	H. G. Smith	63	1	1	1	1	8	1	55	8	...	...
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Wednesday	R. C. Snyder	A. Young	40	1	1	1	2	5	33	7	...	...	...
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	3rd Thursday	C. Finders	W. Laidlaw	48	1	1	1	1	4	1	46	2	...	...
9	Oriskany	Calgary	1st Thursday	A. E. Lockett	J. Covey	133	3	1	1	8	4	1	124	9	...	...
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	L. S. Abernethy	T. H. Beach	44	1	1	1	2	4	4	40	4	...	...
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	R. Swift	O. W. Harris	80	1	1	1	2	4	1	75	5	...	...
12	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	F. P. Galbraith	A. G. Ayres	97	2	1	1	6	7	2	144	13	...	...
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	G. B. Thorn	D. McIntosh	157	2	1	1	2	5	...	53	6	...	...
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	H. J. Clark	W. W. Bell*	59	1	1	1	2	5	...	39	1	...	...
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	3rd Tuesday	F. E. Millett	H. Henderson	39	1	1	1	1	1	...	34	1	...	...
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	J. B. Humphrey	E. H. Mack	35	1	1	1	1	1	...	36	1	...	...
17	Mount Olivet	Killam	3rd Wednesday	W. D. Murray	E. T. Lake	37	1	1	1	1	6	2	56	9	...	...
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	J. J. Clarke	J. H. Richardson	65	35	1	1	1	1	...	56	1	...	...
19	Hram	Youngstown	Monday on or after full moon	N. Steekle	P. A. Davie	35	35	1	1	1	1	...	53	3	...	...
20	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	S. Hope	G. A. Birkett	50	1	1	1	1	1	...	47	3	...	...
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	T. E. H. Pattison	W. E. Mercer	46	1	1	1	1	1	...	44	2	...	...
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	1st Wednesday	H. Matthews	J. L. Clarke	18	1	1	1	1	1	...	21	3	...	...
23	Coronation	Coronation	4th Tuesday	V. Hogan	A. J. Webb*	81	5	3	1	3	3	...	85	4	...	...
24	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	D. J. Wilson	G. W. Mason*	62	1	1	1	1	1	...	59	3	...	...
25	Strathcona	So. Edmonton	3rd Thursday	O. A. Reham	J. R. Donaldson	69	6	2	1	1	1	...	74	6	...	...
26	Harmony	Bassano	4th Wednesday	A. McKee	J. R. Donaldson	68	6	2	1	1	1	...	44	2	...	...
27	Elwyn	Drumheller	1st Friday	A. Nicol	J. R. W. Teesdale	46	1	1	1	1	1	...	25	2	...	...
28	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Wednesday	J. G. Odell	A. G. R. Bond	27	7	1	1	1	1	...	42	7	...	...
29	David	Thompson	3rd Thursday	C. Ewing	A. Gray*	35	7	1	1	1	1	...	20	15	...	...
30	Edson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	R. Knox	S. W. Bridges	2186	27	11	5	65	91	30	2044	20165	145	...

*Membership corrected.

Grand Treasurer's Statement

March 1st, 1935.....	\$1,867.42
Received from Grand Scribe E.....	2,001.34
	\$3,868.76
Payments:	
Cheques charged back.....	\$ 32.25
Grand Chapter Expense:	
Rent and Tyler.....	25.00
Entertainment.....	27.28
Proceedings.....	251.75
Reporter.....	12.50
Travelling:	
Grand Z.....	225.00
Grand Superintendents.....	150.00
Grand Lecturer.....	12.55
Past Grand Z's Regalia (Three Suits).....	208.40
Chapter Regalia.....	63.60
Flowers.....	8.00
Copies of Work.....	32.50
Grand Scribe E.....	600.00
Auditor.....	25.00
Telephone.....	37.70
Insurance and Bonds.....	16.58
Engrossing.....	14.50
Printing and Supplies.....	167.55
	1,910.16
Balance in Bank, March 1st, 1936.....	\$1,958.60
Savings Account, March 1st, 1935.....	608.51
Interest credited.....	7.22
	\$ 615.73
Less Saving Certificates.....	500.00
	\$ 115.73
Balance, February 29th, 1936.....	
Fraternally submitted,	
W. C. BLACK,	
<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>	

Auditor's Report

Calgary, March 9th, 1936.

To the Committee on Audit and Finance of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter for the year ending February 29th, 1936, and submit herewith:

- (a) Cash Report.
- (b) Expense and Revenue Statement.
- (c) Balance Sheet.

which I certify to be in accordance with the books.

Depreciation has been provided for at the usual rate. Inventories of supplies on hand have been listed and priced by Grand Scribe E.

I have examined the savings certificates which are in the safety deposit box at the bank.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY W. FORD,

Chartered Accountant

The report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was then presented by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee have examined the financial statement appearing in the reports of Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, as well as the report of R. E. Companion H. W. Ford, Auditor, for the year ending February 29th, 1936.

We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's report and the payment of \$25.00 to the Auditor for his services in making the audit and report. We recommend to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter that R. E. Companion H. W. Ford be continued in office for the ensuing year at the same rate of remuneration.

We recommend that the printing of the "Proceedings" for 1936 be awarded to the Albertan Job Press, Ltd., at the same rate as for those of 1935.

Your Committee note with satisfaction that the affairs of Grand Chapter have been carried on efficiently, as in the last two years, the expenditure being kept well within the revenue; we commend the businesslike methods of Grand Scribe E. and the Grand First Principal displayed in conducting the affairs of this Grand Body.

In accordance with Clause C of Section 51 of the Constitution, your Committee submit the following estimate of the probable expenses of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, ending Feb. 28, 1937:

Fire insurance and bonds	\$ 26.33
Office supplies, postage, etc.	145.00
Salaries:	
Grand Scribe E.	600.00
Auditor	25.00
Regalia for Grand Officers	100.00
Printing the Proceedings	275.00
Miscellaneous Printing	45.00
Engrossing Certificates	15.00
Travelling Expenses:	
Grand Z.	300.00
Grand Superintendents	150.00
Grand Lecturer..	50.00
Expenses of Grand Convocation, including entertainment of guests.	100.00
Chapter regalia for resale	63.60
Sundry unforeseen expenses	45.07
	\$1,940.00

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address was submitted by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, March 18th, 1936.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Grand Chapter has again been severely bereaved during the year by the death of many of our Companions. The passing of M. E. Companion Frederick Shelton Selwood leaves a vacancy in the hearts of all Masons in this and other Jurisdictions which time alone can efface. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will make suitable recommendations.

We concur in the remarks of our Grand First Principal in expressing regrets on the death of our late Sovereign King George V. We offer our sympathy to King Edward VIII, Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family. We unite today in pledging our loyalty and affection to King Edward our new Sovereign. His rise in the Craft has been rapid and he ascends the Throne of the Empire already Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. He was elected Grand Master of Scotland, and the lamented passing of his beloved father has swept aside the prospective trowel and given in his grasp the sceptre of the Empire instead.

We extend particularly our sympathy to our Sister Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan on the death of M. Ex. Companion Coster, who was also a member of our Grand Chapter.

The official visits of the Most Excellent the Grand Z have been very extensive, covering twenty-one visits to our own Chapters, as well as representing this Grand Body at the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Wyoming. We congratulate our Grand First Principal on his election to Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

We concur in the recommendation of Grand Z that the Proceedings shall be printed and distributed not later than June 1st of each year, and any reviews not in the hands of Grand Scribe E. during the session of Grand Chapter be left over until the following year.

We approve of the suggestion that the words "automatically dropped" be substituted for the word "suspended." We do not approve of the responsibility of declaring that the name of the Companion in question be dropped from membership being taken from the First Principal of a Chapter. There must be a record on the minute book. This change in nomenclature to be made only on proper Notice of Motion.

We congratulate V. E. Companion A. T. Spankie on his appointment as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

The amendments to By-Laws and Dispensations granted appear to be quite regular.

Grand Z. rightly asks the question: "Are we doing our part in Masonry?" If our institution is to live Masonry must be a vital part of our lives. We must extend the right hand of fellowship to our Companions during these days of stress and anxiety. A kind word, a helping hand, will do much to help a brother over many difficulties.

Your Committee, in conclusion, desire to congratulate the Grand First Principal upon the very successful and satisfactory manner in which he has performed his duties. We believe the interchange of visits with our neighboring Grand Chapters has renewed and cemented the friendships which have so long existed, and we join with pleasure in welcoming the Distinguished Visitors who are our guests today.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
J. V. FOLLETT,
W. T. COOTE,
J. W. G. MORRISON.

Committee.

On motion of M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was submitted by M. E. Companion Geo. B. McLeod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We wish to congratulate this Grand Chapter on the fact that nothing has been referred to us for consideration. This speaks well for the harmony within the Jurisdiction, and for it we are indeed grateful.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. McLEOD, *Chairman.*
J. V. FOLLETT,
G. L. TIPP,
J. E. RANNARD,

On the motion of M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was then read by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey. The Companions observed one minute's silent prayer at the conclusion of the reading of this report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Life to me is a throbbing reality, to be filled with joy and usefulness. In this spirit we pay tribute to those who leave us. The possibilities of life are so great that to look over life stories and study them is a thrilling event in life. Nor is the labor one always of sadness but often of joy. Particularly is this true as I will attempt to tell you, for your records, something of the life of one of our Past Grand First Principals. The life story of men and their achievements is an all-absorbing thing to me. I like to note their difficulties and discouragements and see their successes wrested from such situations.

We are brought into the world and trained for life and then given an opportunity to make use of it. The use of that opportunity depends on each man. How that time is used is the answer to the greatness of our companions. Many have improved it to a high degree and have lived lives of great usefulness for their fellowmen and brought joy to themselves. Such lives are so important to the world, especially to those institutions and activities to which they particularly direct their efforts, that we regret exceedingly to see them brought to a close and we sorrow accordingly. Such a life was that of M. E. Companion Frederick Shelton Selwood.

One of the great joys of my life was the friendship and love that existed between Companion Selwood and myself. For over half a century he and I were intimately associated. We played football on the same team, attended Public and High Schools together and sat in the same class at Sunday School as lads. In later years, while he attended Toronto University, I was working in the same city. I preceded him by many years to the West, but we both finally made our home in Alberta. It is only just and proper that a record of his life—so full of action and service—be written in our Proceedings.

M. E. Companion Selwood was born in Listowel, Ontario, on the 28th of June, 1874. He attended Public and High Schools in the place of his birth, matriculating with honors. He graduated from Toronto University with honors in English, winning the Silver Medal of his year. After teaching High School in several points in Ontario he was admitted to the Bar in 1903 in Boston, Mass.

In 1907 he came to Calgary to be associated with the firm of Short, Ross and Selwood, and in 1926 started practice in Calgary in his own name.

In 1921 he was nominated as a candidate for the Provincial Legislature. Perhaps to educational matters he gave his greatest service. He was a member of the Calgary School Board from 1918 to 1926, serving six years as chairman.

He married Miss D. F. A. Nicklin, of Acton, Ontario. His wife, a son (Charles Edward) and a daughter (Edith Elizabeth) survive. To these relatives we have extended our sincerest sympathy.



FREDERICK SHELTON SELWOOD

1874-1935

In Craft Masonry he was a Master of Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, Grand D. of C. in 1913 and D.D.G.M. in 1914. In 1919 he was elected Grand Junior Warden and in 1922 Grand Master. He was a member of the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge since the inception of the Board, serving in 1921 as chairman. As chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Grand Lodge he had a national and international reputation as an outstanding writer and reviewer.

In Cryptic Masonry, R. Ill. Companion Selwood was a keen student. He was a Past T. I. M. of Zadok Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters. At the time of his death he was Inspector-General for the District of Alberta of the Grand Council of Canada.

He took a live interest in Taylor Conclave, No. 175, Red Cross of Constantine and served as Sovereign during the year 1933, and as Grand Standard Bearer in 1934.

Today we mourn his passing as a Royal Arch Mason. He was First Principal of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, in 1917; District Superintendent in 1918, and Grand First Principal Z of this Grand Body in 1922. His natural ability and acquired learning brought him before his Companions at an early date; his counsel was much appreciated.

Few men have been more zealously devoted to Masonry than Companion Selwood; yet, unlike some, he did not make it his religion. He loved his church and was busy in its activities.

Briefly we may sum up the character of Frederick Shelton Selwood. He was utterly fearless in the defence of what he deemed right, but kind and tender hearted. In the home he was a wise and devoted husband and father; in all his civic, educational, and fraternal relations he worked for the best in his fellows and to spread the gospel of humanity.

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During the past year twenty-nine Companions of our jurisdiction, whom we loved and respected, have gone quietly down to the sea and embarked (into the fog that obscures them from our view) for that port where peace and joy reign supreme.

Our sincere sympathies go out to the relatives of those of our own departed Companions, and to the Sister Jurisdictions who have suffered the loss of brethren near and dear to them.

Memorial Pages will be set aside in our Proceedings in memory of our Departed Companions, as well as a page with a photo of our late Past Grand First Principal Companion Selwood.

"Wilt Thou go with us then, 'our Father, as we go back to our places in life, and may we so fill them, that our life shall, long after we have been called home, still speak to those behind, and the world shall have been better for our having lived in it. We ask it of Thee, O God. Amen."

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,

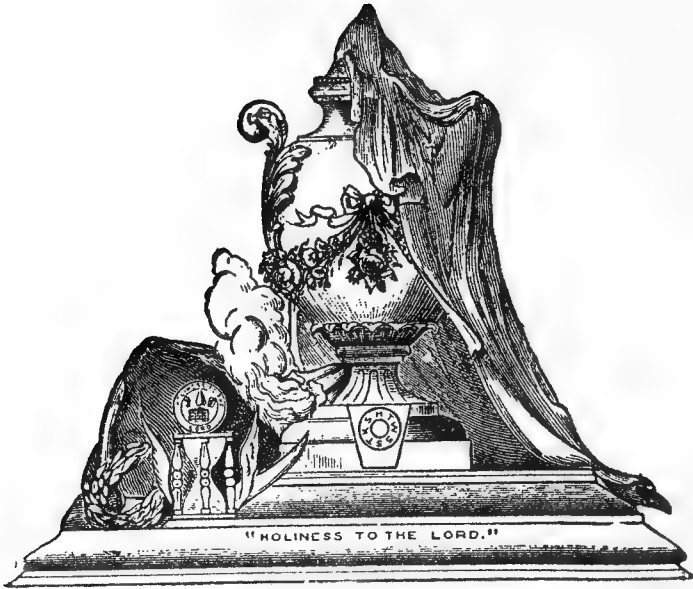
For the Committee.

On the motion of M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1	C. C. Snowden, T. C. Bruce, W. H. McConnell, F. S. Selwood, W. C. Cheyne, Bell Hardy.
North Star, No. 2	C. H. Cummings, C. W. Gimby, R. Secord.
Assiniboia, No. 3.	W. Crawford, J. R. Millican.
Shekinah, No. 4	A. McNally, H. F. Mahon, J. W. Watkin, A. R. McGuire.
Mount Horeb, No. 6	F. C. Chiddy.
Kether, No. 8	R. Coates.
Otuskwan, No. 9	A. S. Nimmo.
Keystone, No. 12	J. Cole.
Capital City, No. 13	D. Robertson, S. O. Jones.
Tau Cross, No. 16	F. E. Tarbit.
Norwood, No. 18	F. H. Mackett, R. Cristall.
Strathmore, No. 21	F. S. Selwood.
Coronation, No. 23	E. C. Locke.
Harmony, No. 26	W. D. Moffatt, G. H. Hook.
David Thompson, No. 29	J. S. Crozier, J. W. Thron.

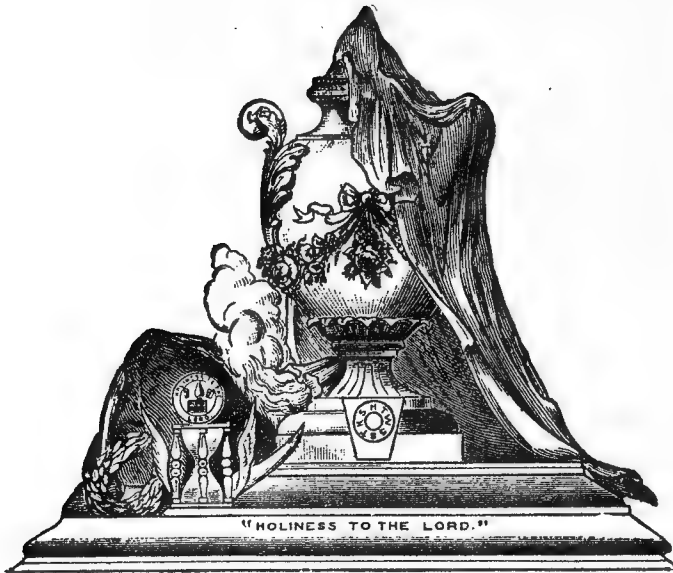


In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1935

*Sleep on, O friend, until the waking day!
And ever we who loved thy presence here
Will keep for thee, through changes manifold,
A tender memory growing with the years.*

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama	John C. Bethea, P.G.H.P., Sept. 18, 1935.
Arkansas	George H. Parson, P.G.H.P., July 27, 1935.
California	Fred'k W. G. Moebus, P.G.H.P., Sept. 24, 1934. David J. Reese, P.G.H.P., Nov. 10, 1934 Carl Barnard, P.G.H.P., Feb. 6, 1935.
Colorado	Lee R. Horn, P.G.H.P., Aug. 31, 1935. W. W. Cooper, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary, Nov. 16, 1935.
Indiana	Renwick W. Crockett, P.G.H.P., Dec. 14, 1935. Elias J. Jacoby, P.G.H.P., Dec. 31, 1935
Iowa	Louis Block, P.G.H.P., June 3, 1935. Charles H. Haney, P.G.H.P., April 15, 1935. William H. Hart, P.G.H.P., Oct. 5, 1935. Harry M. Bradley, P.G.H.P., Aug. 12, 1935.
Louisiana	Lee R. Thomas, P.G.H.P., Feb. 16, 1935.
Maine	Hugh R. Chaplin, Past Grand Scribe, Sept. 22, 1935.
Massachusetts	Curtis Chapman, P.G.H.P., Oct. 9, 1935.
Maryland	James M. Rawlings, P.G.H.P., July 10, 1935
Michigan	Albert G. Grainger, P.G.H.P., Jan. 28, 1935.
Minnesota	Charles L. West, P.G.H.P., July 17, 1935. George M. Hough, G.M. 3rd Veil, Aug. 4, 1935.
Mississippi	George D. Riley, P.G.H.P., June 18, 1935. Irvin M. Moody, P.G.H.P., May 12, 1935.
Nevada	Charles L. Fulstone, P.G.H.P., Nov. 16, 1936. Adams F. Brown, P.G.H.P., April 9, 1935. Fred'k M. Schadler, P.G.H.P., Nov. 6, 1935.
New York	Edward F. Hill, P.G.H.P., May 31, 1935. William L. Dickerson, Grand Lecturer, April 11, 1935.
North Dakota	George H. Keyes, P.G.H.P., Mar. 6, 1935. Eben G. Guthrie, P.G.H.P., Aug. 12, 1935.
Ohio	Frederick J. Crane, P.G.H.P., June 23, 1935. Frank L. Beggs, P.G.H.P., Oct. 23, 1935. Henry W. Young, G. M. 2nd Veil, Oct. 21, 1935:
Oklahoma	Geo. W. Spencer, P.G.H.P., Aug. 9, 1935.
Oregon	James K. Weatherford, P.G.H.P., July 31, 1935.



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 29, 1936

*Life is the triumph of our mould'ring clay;
 Death, of the spirit—infinite! divine!*

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was presented by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, beg to report that the only matter referred to the Committee for consideration was the revision of the proposed Standard Bylaws, to which revision we give our concurrence.

We commend the Committee on the time and labor, care and attention, given in the preparation of these bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,
C. H. MINCHIN,
F. J. HAND,
A. WEST.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion A. West, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATIONS

The verbal report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations was submitted by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, who informed Grand Chapter that the reviews of Foreign Correspondence and Proceedings were being prepared and would be submitted to Grand Scribe E. to be printed if Grand Chapter so desired.

On the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry was submitted by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee beg to report that we have read with care and interest the reports of the six Grand Superintendents.

With the exception of the Grand Superintendent of District No. 5, we find that each officer has performed the duties of his office faithfully and satisfactorily.

In Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, all Chapters were visited at least twice, while in No. 5 only two Chapters were visited and two attempts were made to visit another Chapter, but on each occasion no meeting was held through lack of attendance.

All the Superintendents give a very optimistic summary of Chapters' activities and prospects, and reports will indicate that the financial conditions of the majority of Chapters are much improved over that of one year ago. While degree work was not so evident, yet lectures and inter-visitations of Chapters kept up the necessary interest.

Our admissions during the year were forty-three, the losses from all sources were one hundred eighty-eight, giving us a net decrease of one hundred forty-five for the year.

We note with regret a large increase in the amount of outstanding dues and would urge upon all Chapters concerned that they make a more determined effort either to compromise or remit entirely a large part of these dues, because experience shows this to be the best way of retaining our membership.

We would suggest that the incoming Grand Superintendents be instructed to assist the Chapters in their districts in this important matter.

We would recommend to the Grand First Principal that the rank of Grand Superintendent be conferred upon:

1. Harry H. Neal.
2. P. A. Davie.
3. J. Lester Clarke.
4. Ernest Corbett.
5. W. H. Smith.
6. Frank Mayer.

We believe that the time is now ripe for a very considerable increase in membership. This can only be attained by each Companion of each Chapter being on the alert and using his influence on prospective candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT, *Chairman.*

This report aroused very considerable discussion and the motion for its adoption was deferred by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to the afternoon session of Grand Chapter, to enable the report to be given more thorough consideration.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Work was presented by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that all questions submitted to us during the past year and at the Chapters of Instructions have been fully answered by the Grand Lecturer.

We congratulate the officers of the Chapters on their proficiency and on their evident desire to perform the duties of their offices in accordance with the instructions of the Committee.

Faternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,
C. A. MacPHERSON.

On motion of M. E. Companion J. E. Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Permanent Committee on Work be received and adopted.

The report of the Library Committee was presented by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee beg leave to report that any further expense at this time be not incurred, but that any Chapter desiring books for a study course be permitted to borrow them for a short period from the Grand Chapter Library.

Faternally submitted,

JAMES R. FLAN, *Chairman*.
C. HARRY MINCHIN,
FREDERICK J. HAND.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion Hand, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the Librarian be empowered to loan books from the library to individual Chapters for a period of two months (renewable at the discretion of the Librarian), the Chapters to be responsible for the books and expenses of carriage.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:25 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 2:10 p.m.

Discussion was resumed on the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, and on the motion of M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by M. E. Companion A. West, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, as amended, be received and adopted.

Arising from the discussion of this report, M. E. Companion M. M. Downey moved, seconded by R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard, that two Companions be awarded their rank as Past Grand Superintendents of Districts.

After some discussion it was ruled by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal that this matter would have to be dealt with as a notice of motion for the next annual Convocation.

The report of the Committee on Research and Education was presented by M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee beg to report that during the year nothing has come before them upon which to make a submission, but that they have the matter submitted to them in hand and hope that there will be something tangible to report at the next Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON, *Chairman*

J. V. FOLLETT,

J. R. FLAN.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Research and Education be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Benevolence was presented by
M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We have not been called upon to make any special grants from the Grand Chapter Benevolence Fund during the year, the Chapters having taken care of the needs of their distressed companions and report the expenditure of the following amounts:

Alberta, No. 1	\$25.00
Assiniboia, No. 3	30.00
Shekinah, No. 4	35.00
Kether, No. 8	10.75
Otuskwan, No. 9	65.22
Capital City, No. 13	50.00
Vermilion, No. 14	15.00
Banff, No. 20	10.00
Strathmore, No. 21	36.00

We commend the Chapters for their ready response in assisting worthy companions and recommend that the method of administering the Benevolence Fund of Grand Chapter in use for a number of years be continued.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES R. FLAN, *Chairman*.
MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
EDWIN G. IRONSIDE,
JOSEPH V. FOLLETT,
ARCHIBALD WEST.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by
R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORTS OF GRAND SCRIBE E. AND GRAND TREASURER

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by
M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the reports of Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, as printed and distributed, be received and adopted.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by
M. E. Companion A. West, it was

RESOLVED, that the actual expenses of Grand Scribe E. to this and succeeding Grand Chapter Convocations be paid from the funds of Grand Chapter when approved by Grand First Principal.

The verbal report of the Committee to Revise the Standard By-Laws was submitted by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, and after some discussion of the changes made in the standard by-laws and the reasons therefor, it was, on the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan,

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee to Revise the Standard By-Laws, and the Standard By-Laws as revised and submitted by the committee, be received and adopted.

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: Companions, I desire today to draw your attention to one of the old members of this Grand Chapter, R. E. Companion Thomas Rankine, a companion who has been of great service for a number of years. Unfortunately he is, like myself, growing advanced in years. He has been troubled with a considerable amount of disability and sickness and was not able to be with us earlier today at this Convocation. He is now here, and I want you, Companions—and I think this is something in which we are a little lacking—I want you to show him your hearty appreciation of his presence.

(The companions thereupon greeted R. E. Companion Rankine with hearty applause.)

R. E. Companion Rankine, we greet you. We thank you for being with us today and we trust you will have better health in 1936 than you had in 1935. We will not ask you to stand. We trust that you will enjoy the few minutes with us. You are at liberty to leave whenever you so desire.

On the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Scribe E. be empowered to secure a sufficient number of printed copies of the revised Standard By-Laws to have on hand for ordinary requirements.

The report of the Committee on Forms was submitted by M. E. Companion A. West.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FORMS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that we have prepared forms for the Grand Superintendents on which to make their reports of individual Chapters, as well as a summary report, and a uniform Auditor's report for the use of the Chapters; these are supplied to the Chapters by Grand Scribe E.

Although these were used for the first time this year, the result has justified the expense; if properly made out, they will assist materially in arriving at a true perspective of the condition of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

A. WEST,
M. M. DOWNEY,
H. SANDILANDS,
H. W. B. BELL.

On the motion of M. E. Companion A. West, seconded by R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Forms be received and adopted.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter express sympathy to M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton on the illness in his family which prevented his attendance at this Grand Convocation.

On the suggestion of M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, it was agreed that this sympathy take the form of flowers to be sent to Miss Middleton, whose illness prevented the attendance of her father.

On the motion of M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, seconded by M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Scribe E. forward a letter regretting the absence, and expressing best wishes for the continued good health of M. E. Companion Robert Patterson and M. E. Companion J. E. Johnson.

The final report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have carefully checked the Register of Grand Chapter and have distributed the ballots in accordance with the rules of Grand Chapter.

There are 24 Chapters represented by their officers, past principals and proxies, with a total of 137 votes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. MAYER,
H. C. NEAL, *Acting Chairman*.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal, seconded by R. E. Companion F. Mayer, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was, on the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan,

RESOLVED, "That Section 113 of the Constitution be amended as follows: 'That the fee for a Past Principal's Certificate be reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.00 and that each Chapter present one to the First Principal on the completion of his term of office'."

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was, on the motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin.

RESOLVED, "That section 197 of the Constitution be amended as follows: 'By striking out all words following the word "force" in the fifth line thereof'."

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was, on the motion of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett,

RESOLVED, "That a sub-section, called 79a, be added to Section 79, as follows: 'Provided that Grand Chapter may on motion constitute any Companion of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Royal Craft, who hails from a foreign jurisdiction and is a member of a Grand Chapter recognized by this Grand Chapter, an honorary member thereof with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate'."

The notice of motion to amend section 175 of the Constitution was withdrawn by M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison.

On the motion of V. E. Companion W. W. Bell, seconded by E. Companion L. G. Dunaway, it was

RESOLVED, that the motion to change the date of Grand Convocation, tabled at the previous Grand Convocation, be taken from the table for discussion.

After some discussion and on the motion of V. E. Companion W. Bell, seconded by E. Companion D. M. Wright, it was

RESOLVED, that the date of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta be changed from the third Wednesday in March to the second Wednesday in May, hereafter.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

It was agreed, on the suggestion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, that the next annual Convocation be held at Calgary.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED

On the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, that M. E. Companion E. R. Wylie, of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and M. E. Companion T. S. Cook, of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, be constituted Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter.

The motion was unanimously and heartily accepted by the companions present.

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: My Most Excellent Companions, it affords me very great pleasure indeed to verbally present to you your Honorary Membership; subsequently you will receive it more officially. I am sure that we hope to have the pleasure of meeting you on many future occasions.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion H. C. Neal, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter pay the Tyler the usual sum of \$5.00 for his services on this occasion.

It was suggested by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, that all of the officers of Grand Chapter be instructed to visit as many of the constituent Chapters as possible during their year of office.

THANKS TO EDMONTON CITY CHAPTERS

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter extend a very hearty vote of thanks to the Edmonton City Chapters for the splendid entertainment prepared for the delegates to Grand Chapter.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter set aside the sum of \$25.00 for the Edmonton City Chapters to assist them in defraying the expenses incidental to the entertainment prepared by them for the delegates to Grand Chapter.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Concurrently with the latter portion of the general business of Grand Chapter, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, with the following result:

Grand First Principal . . .	R. E. Companion H. Sandilands
Grand Second Principal . . .	R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin
Grand Third Principal . . .	R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy
Grand Scribe E.	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson
Grand Treasurer	R. E. Companion W. C. Black
Grand Scribe N.	R. E. Companion O. J. Barker
Grand Principal Sojourner . . .	R. E. Companion W. H. Scott
Grand Registrar	R. E. Companion P. A. Moncrief
Executive Committee	R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell
	R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke
	R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard
	R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin

ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: Companions, we are all delighted to have with us M. E. Companion Wylie and M. E. Companion Cook. We have to record many pleasant visits to our Grand Chapter of distinguished companions from the grand bodies they represent, and I am sure that we would like to give these Most Excellent Companions an opportunity of speaking to us. I am therefore going to call upon Most Excellent Companion Judge Wylie.

M. E. Companion E. R. Wylie: Grand Officers and Companions of Alberta, I can assure you that it has been a great honor and a privilege and a pleasure for me to represent the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan at this, your annual Convocation. I bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and wish you every success in your undertakings, not only today but throughout the coming year.

With regard to your change of date to the second Wednesday in May, I am quite sure that our Executive, in fixing the date of our Convocation will keep in mind the fact that you have a fixed date, so that we shall still be able to make these interchanges of visits.

I feel that the interchange of visits between Grand Chapters, between local Chapters and between Chapters in Canada with those outside of Canada is building up a structure of Masonic good-will which is having a splendid effect, and not only nationally, but internationally.

I am quite aware that you have a great deal to attend to and a great deal of business to do yet. I know what a struggle it is to carry out the business of Grand Chapter in a one-day Convocation. I know that you do not expect your distinguished guests to occupy too much of your time on an occasion of this kind. Did time permit, there are many things I would like to say, but I must and do congratulate you upon the efficient manner in which you conduct the work of Grand Chapter, and I hope, among other things, that the harmony and goodwill which have prevailed between our Grand Chapters in the past will continue in the future.

I wish to thank you, personally, for the great honor you have done me today in bestowing upon me the signal mark of honorary membership of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. I assure you I shall always treasure that mark of esteem and honor and I shall always have friendly recollections of my visit to this Grand Chapter.

I also wish to thank you for the arrangements made whereby Most Excellent Companion Cook and myself had the opportunity, through your Grand Officers, of seeing this beautiful city of Edmonton. We were driven to many points of interest, which I have not had the pleasure of seeing before.

I assure you that when I return home I shall take an opportunity to report on my attendance here. I shall extend your greetings to my Chapter and give them some idea of the work being done by the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and take the earliest opportunity of placing these matters on record.

I wish to thank you, Excellent Sir, Officers and Companions, for the very kind reception which I have received.

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer: We have with us, in the person of Thomas Sellar Cook, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. I can assure you, Companions, that while visiting the Grand Chapter he represents I had an excellent time. I am sure we will be pleased to hear from this Excellent Companion at this time.

M. E. Companion T. S. Cook: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, First of all I want to give you a little correction. I am not a "miller," I am a "seller." (In his invitation to the Most Excellent Companion to address Convocation, the Grand First Principal had called on "Thomas 'Miller' Cook.")

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, I want to thank you whole-heartedly for the very cordial welcome that you gave their representative here this morning, and also to convey to you the kindest greetings of my Grand Chapter.

I was reading over the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alberta for the last year or two, and from what I could make of it, I find most of your Past Grand Principals Irish by extraction or absorption. Your present Grand First Principal is an Englishman. I am of the grandest nationality on earth; which it is, I leave to your imagination, but I give you an Irish greeting:

"May ivery hair on yer head be a candle to light ye to hiven, and may ye get there three years before the divil knows yer dead."

We have, as Judge Wylie has said, really enjoyed not only your hospitality, but the expeditious way you are getting through the business. We had a drive around the city and also met a very old friend; you all know him, "Johnny Walker." We gave him a very cordial welcome, and, as you notice, were able to get back here.

You are having some of the same difficulties, Excellent Companions, as we are having in Manitoba. For instance, the question of switching the date of annual Convocation. We have taken a little different way about it and our Grand Chapter this year has sent out a query to find out when will be the most suitable date in May for our grand Convocation to be held. It appears to me that, you having a fixed date, it is going to be a fight between Saskatchewan and Manitoba for the other Wednesday, but I think we can get over the difficulty amicably, for the good-fellowship and friendship going around the Dominion among Capitular Masons is something we can relish and be proud of. So long as that comradeship persists, so long will we go ahead, and Capitular Masonry take on new life.

In Manitoba we have experienced a very serious falling off in membership, but since our last Convocation we have set out to try to clear up that loss if possible, and, Companions, we have done well so far. One Chapter, since our Convocation, has five candidates and one affiliation, and the other night when attending a regular meeting, to my surprise there were seven candidates brought forward; and the other Chapters are doing fairly well. I mention these five and seven particularly because the Chapter that has the seven candidates has not had a candidate or done any work in the Chapter room for the last four years, and yet all honor and credit is due to the officers of that Chapter in particular, for they have kept their Chapter going by lectures, by visitations and by pictures, historical and otherwise, mixed with a little Walt Disney laughter sometimes. They have kept their companions together, and it is a great credit to the officers of a Chapter when they can interest their companions and maintain attendance, although there is no work to do.

The great thing, as I see it, is visiting of Chapters by Grand Officers. I don't know why it is, but I have found it is so and I never miss a Chapter. Whether you are speaking or not the presence of a Grand Chapter Officer is all they want, and they don't want you to talk for half an hour and say nothing. If you have anything to say make it snappy and they enjoy you better and wish you back again.

We in Capitular Masonry have something to be proud of. Let us stay with it, and make good. We have had a great legacy handed down to us by those old Masons who laid down our ritual, and it is them we have to thank for the conditions we have today. I ask you, as I have asked them in my own jurisdiction, to stay with it and go right ahead.

Most Excellent Sir, I want to convey to you my dutiful thanks for the honor conferred upon me today in making me an honorary member of this Grand Chapter. I will cherish it for the rest of my days.

Before I sit down I have a duty I would like to discharge. It is a sort of reciprocation of the honor I have had today, and I would like to ask Most Excellent Companion Follett to stand.

(Addressing M. E. Companion Follett) Most Excellent Sir, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, I have much pleasure in

handing you your certificate of Honorary Life Membership in the Grand Chapter of Manitoba; I hope you will long be spared to carry it, and we hope to see you with us again soon. We have a very clear recollection of the speech you made, for we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

I have also a certificate for Most Excellent Companion James McGhee and, in his absence, I would ask your Grand Scribe E. to take it and send it to him.

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett: Most Excellent Companion Cook, When I was in Manitoba in 1933, yourself and the Chapter did honor me by conferring upon me an honorary life membership in your Grand Chapter. A similar honor was done me in Saskatchewan. Since coming back I have often wondered if you really meant it, or whether I had talked too much, because this is the first information I have had since that meeting.

However, I want to thank you very much indeed for this beautiful certificate. It will be framed and hung in a prominent place where my friends can see it.

I may also add, that if you want to see a real, progressive city, go home by way of Calgary (Laughter.)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

The installation of the Grand Superintendents of Districts then took place, Most Excellent Companion J. R. Flan officiating.

(R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin was authorized to instal E. Companion A. T. Spankie for District No. 4, as he was not present.)

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

A vote of thanks to the scrutineers for their services during the election of officers was moved by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, and most heartily carried by the Companions.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers then took place, and was conducted by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, and M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.

THANKS TO INSTALLING OFFICERS

A vote of thanks was moved to the installing officers by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, and most heartily carried.

AFTER INSTALLATION

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands: Companions, I do not want to take much time now as probably I shall speak to you a little later on, but I must express my very great thanks to you for electing me to this high office. I have my limitations; I have some handicaps which must be overcome if I am to sustain the prestige of the Grand Chapter and of Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta, but I have the splendid example of my predecessors to inspire me. I can look to them at all times for advice and help. I know I shall have the earnest co-operation of all of the officers, and with that in mind and your generous consideration during my year of office, I trust that when my term expires and I surrender the sceptre to my successor you will be satisfied that you placed your confidence in me and say, "He has done his best." Thank you very much.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The labors of the twenty-second Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Cyril A. MacPherson

Grand Scribe E.



In the evening the delegates to Grand Chapter were entertained to a delightful banquet and vaudeville entertainment in the dining room of the Corona Hotel, arranged by the Companions of the Edmonton City Chapters.

**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION
MAY 29th, 1914**

*S. Y. Taylor1914	S. H. Middleton1925
*J. N. Rankin1915	E. G. Ironside1926
F. S. Watson1916	*W. M. McNab1927
R. Patterson1917	*F. S. Selwood1928
*A. R. Dickson1918	J. R. Flan1929
M. M. Downey1919	J. W. G. Morrison1930
N. T. Macleod1920	J. A. McGhee1931
*H. Darling1921	J. V. Follett1932
G. B. McLeod1922	A. West1933
W. T. Coote1923	A. Davison1934
J. E. Johnson1924	W. E. Mercer1935
	H. Sandilands1936

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

J. F. Yorke	Saskatchewan
D. F. Adams	British Columbia
G. C. Burgess	Saskatchewan
H. de Roche	Saskatchewan
A. Little	Manitoba
H. L. Adolph	Manitoba
*R. J. F. Coster	Saskatchewan
J. F. Dart	Manitoba
J. F. Irwin	Manitoba
E. R. Wylie	Saskatchewan

HONORARY MEMBERS

G. Syme	Manitoba
F. E. Doull	Saskatchewan
T. S. Cook	Manitoba

GRAND SCRIBES E.

M. M. Downey	1914 - 1916
J. E. Johnson	1917 - 1921
E. G. Ironside	1922 - 1924
*C. R. Wentzel	1925 - 1932
C. A. MacPherson	1933 - 1936

*Deceased.

CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Frank Grandage
Address: Lougheed

No. 2	North Star.....	Edmonton
No. 6	Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 14	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 17	Mount Olivet.....	Killam
No. 25	Strathcona.....	Edmonton

District No. 2

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion John G. Harrison
Address: Drumheller

No. 19	Hiram.....	Youngstown
No. 23	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 27	Ehneyeh.....	Drumheller
No. 28	Hanna.....	Hanna

District No. 3

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Thomas W. Matthews
Address: 1716 - 11th Ave. W., Calgary

No. 5	Golden West.....	High River
No. 11	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 12	Keystone.....	Red Deer
No. 20	Banff.....	Banff
No. 22	Joseph Stauffer.....	Didsbury
No. 24	Crescent.....	Calgary

District No. 4

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Arthur T. Spankie, M.D.
Address: 1925 - 5a Street W., Calgary

No. 1	Alberta.....	Calgary
No. 9	Otuskwana.....	Calgary
No. 10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen
No. 21	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 26	Harmony.....	Bassano

District No. 5

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Robert Crichton
Address: Hillcrest

No. 3	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat
No. 4	Shekinah.....	Lethbridge
No. 7	Bekah.....	Macleod
No. 8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek
No. 15	Hillvue.....	Hillcrest
No. 16	Tau Cross.....	Claresholm

District No. 6

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion George Blyth
Address: 9716 - 92nd Street, Edmonton

No. 13	Capital City.....	Edmonton
No. 18	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 29	David Thompson.....	Jasper
No. 30	Edson.....	Edson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President—R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin, Grand H.
M. E. Companion Henry Sandilands, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Watson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Robert Patterson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Norman T. Macleod	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion George B. McLeod	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion William T. Coote	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion John E. Johnson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion James R. Flan	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion James A. McGhee	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Archibald West	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Andrew Davison	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer	P.G.Z.
R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy	Grand J.
R. E. Companion Frank Grandage	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion John G. Harrison	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Thomas W. Matthews	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Arthur T. Spankie	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Robert Crichton	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion George Blyth	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion William C. Black	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson (Gr. Sec'y)	Grand Scribe E
R. E. Companion Owen J. Barker	Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. E. Companion Harold W. B. Bell	Two years
R. E. Companion John E. Rannard	Two years
R. E. Companion Robert C. Rankin	Two years
R. E. Companion J. Lester Clarke	Two years
R. E. Companion G. Lynnwood Tipp	One year
R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand	One year
R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper	One year
R. E. Companion Leland W. Walkey	One year

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The following officers were appointed by the Grand First Principal and the Special Committees named in accordance with the resolutions passed:

Grand Lecturer	M. E. Companion James R. Flan
Grand Senior Sojourner	V. E. Companion Edward F. Doolan
Grand Junior Sojourner	V. E. Companion Charles Christian
Grand Sword Bearer	V. E. Companion Cecil C. Duthie
Grand Master 1st Veil	V. E. Companion John J. James
Grand Master 2nd Veil	V. E. Companion James H. Ballantyne
Grand Master 3rd Veil	V. E. Companion Charles Wylie
Grand Master 4th Veil	V. E. Companion Roy E. Keating
Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	V. E. Companion David Dishan
Grand Organist	R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper
Grand Pursuivant	V. E. Companion Sydney W. Bridges
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion Thomas McWhirter
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion William Roney
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion Elias P. Cronquist
Grand Steward	V. E. Companion William Laidlaw
Grand Tyler	V. E. Companion Gavis Allen

SUB-COMMITTEES

Grand First Principal's Address

M. E. Companions F. S. Watson R. Patterson M. M. Downey
N. T. Macleod G. B. McLeod W. T. Coote J. E. Johnson S. H.
Middleton E. G. Ironside J. R. Flan J. W. G. Morrison J. A. Mc-
Ghee J. V. Follett A. West A. Davison W. E. Mercer.

Credentials

R. E. Companion W. C. Black, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions
F. Grandage, J. G. Harrison, T. W. Matthews, A. T. Spankie, R.
Crichton, G. Blyth.

Warrants

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote *Chairman*; M. E. Companions
M. M. Downey J. W. G. Morrison J. A. McGhee; R. E. Companions
L. W. Walkey, G. L. Tipp, F. B. Cooper.

Condition of Capitular Masonry

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions
W. T. Coote, S. H. Middleton, J. R. Flan, G. B. McLeod, A. West;
R. E. Companions H. W. B. Bell, R. C. Rankin, L. E. Walkey.

Jurisprudence

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, *Chairman*; M. E. Com-
panions M. M. Downey, G. B. McLeod, J. R. Flan, A. West, W. T.
Coote; R. E. Companions C. H. Minchin, F. J. Hand.

Audit and Finance

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions
J. R. Flan, J. A. McGhee, A. West, A. Davison; R. E. Companions
C. H. Minchin, C. A. MacPherson, H. W. B. Bell, J. L. Clarke.

Grievances and Appeals

M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions
J. A. McGhee, W. E. Mercer; R. E. Companions G. L. Tipp, J. E.
Rannard, J. L. Clarke, A. B. McCurdy.

Benevolence

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M.
M. Downey, S. H. Middleton, E. G. Ironside, J. V. Follett, J. A.
McGhee, A. West, A. Davison; R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin.

Fraternal Dead

R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions
G. B. McLeod, S. H. Middleton; R. E. Companion F. J. Hand.

Foreign Correspondence

M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions
E. G. Ironside J. V. Follett, J. W. G. Morrison, A. West, W. E. Mercer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Permanent Committee on Work

M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion J. R. Flan; R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.

Library Committee

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions C. H. Minchin, G. L. Tipp, F. J. Hand, F. B. Cooper, L. E. Walkey, C. A. MacPherson.

Committee on Research and Education

M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. W. G. Morrison, J. A. McGhee, J. V. Follett, J. R. Flan, W. E. Mercer.

Committee on Forms

M. E. Companion A. West, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion M. M. Downey; R. E. Companions H. W. B. Bell, F. Milne.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on the Second Wednesday, being the 12th day of May, 1937.

C. A. MacPHERSON,

Grand Scribe E.

1412 - 2nd Street N.W., Calgary.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

Grand Chapter	Name	Address
Alabama.....	Guy T. Smith.....	Masonic Temple, Montgomery
Arizona.....	Harry A. Drachman.....	Tucson, Box 238
Arkansas.....	John Q. Wolf.....	Batesville
British Columbia.....	John W. Prescott, G.S.E.....	Vancouver, 603 Hastings St. W
California.....	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco, Rm. 432, Mas. Temple
Canada.....	Edwin Smith.....	Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg.
Colorado.....	C. A. Patton.....	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Hartford, Mas. Temple, 201 Ann St.
Delaware.....	John W. Macklem.....	Wilmington, Box 94
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Washington, Masonic Temple
England.....	P. Colville Smith, G.S.E.....	London, W. C. 2, Freemasons' Hall Gt. Queen Street
Florida.....	Cary B. Fish.....	233, Palm Ave., Sarasota
Georgia.....	William J. Penn Jr.....	Macon
Idaho.....	Edward H. Way.....	Boise, Box 1203
Illinois.....	James E. Jeffers.....	Springfield, Box 565
Indiana.....	Charles H. Warne.....	Masonic Temple, Tipton
Iowa.....	George E. Masters.....	Glenwood
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard, Gd. Reg.....	Dublin, Freemasons' Hall
Kansas.....	Elmer F. Strain.....	Masonic Temple, Topeka
Kentucky.....	G. Allison Holland.....	Lexington
Louisiana.....	Chas. C. Brown.....	302 Masonic Temple, New Orleans
Maine.....	Convers E. Leach.....	Masonic Temple, Portland
Manitoba.....	George Symes, G.S.E.....	Winnipeg, Masonic Temple
Maryland.....	Gustav A. Eitel.....	Baltimore, Masonic Temple
Massachusetts.....	Raymond T. Sewell.....	Boston, Rm. 209, Masonic Temple
Michigan.....	Charles A. Connover.....	Coldwater, 95 W. Chicago St.
Minnesota.....	John F. Abel.....	St. Paul, Mas. Temple, 6th and Smith
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Fuacette.....	Meridian
Missouri.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Trenton
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Helena, Box 896
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	Omaha, Rm. 401, Masonic Temple
Nevada.....	L. William Semenza.....	Reno
New Brunswick.....	J. Twinning Hartt.....	St. John, Masonic Temple
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord, 44 South Main St.
New Jersey.....	Charles D. McCracken.....	Lambertville, 5 Jefferson St.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque, Box 535
New South Wales.....	Frederick R. Sunden.....	Sydney, 160 Castlereagh St.
New York.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	New York City, Masonic Hall
New Zealand.....	Charles W. Nielson.....	Wellington, Box 236
North Carolina.....	William R. Smith.....	Raleigh
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
Nova Scotia.....	Brenton F. Porter.....	Truro, Box 135
Ohio.....	Mont C. Hambright.....	Springfield
Oklahoma.....	James A. Lythim.....	Muskogee
Oregon.....	D. Rufus Cheney.....	Portland, Masonic Temple
Pennsylvania.....	Joseph E. Quinby.....	Philadelphia, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets
Queensland.....	Kendrick, R. W. T.....	c/o Masonic Temple, Ann St., Brisbane
Quebec.....	William W. Williamson, G.S.E.....	Montreal, Box 3172
Rhode Island.....	Wilbur A. Scott.....	Pawtucket
Saskatchewan.....	Francis B. Reilly, G.S.E.....	Regina, 312 Westman Chambers.
Scotland.....	George A. Howell, G.S.E.....	Edinburgh, 76 Queen Street.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls, Masonic Temple
Tennessee.....	Thomas E. Doss.....	Nashville, Scottish Rite Temple
Texas.....	Thomas M. Bartley.....	Waco
Utah.....	John M. Dunlap.....	Salt Lake City, Masonic Temple
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A. E. Haumerson	Racine	Wisconsin	W. J. Haynes	Sedgwick
W. B. Saunders	Gillette	Wyoming	W. W. Bel	Vermilion

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 16—That Section 16 be amended by deleting the words “Third Wednesday in March” in the second line and substituting therefor the words “Second Wednesday in May.”

Section 113—That the fee for a Past Principal's Certificate be reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.00 and that each Chapter present one to the First Principal on the completion of his term of office.

Section 197—Amended by striking out all words following the word “force” in the fifth line thereof.

Sub-section 79a—Provided that Grand Chapter may on motion constitute any Companion of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Royal Craft, who hails from a foreign jurisdiction and is a member of a Grand Chapter recognized by this Grand Chapter, an honorary member thereof with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate.

Section 197—As amended, will read as follows: “A Companion who has been suspended by his Craft Lodge, the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, for unmasonic conduct or otherwise shall stand suspended from his Royal Craft privileges while the craft discipline remains in force.

CAPITULAR PROCEEDINGS

REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

Alabama	1934	New Mexico	1935
Arizona	1935	New South Wales	1934
Arkansas	1933-4-5	New York	1935
British Columbia	1935	New Zealand	1935
California	1935	North Carolina	1935
District of Columbia	1935	North Dakota	1935
England	1935	Nova Scotia	1935
Florida	1935	Oklahoma	1935
Illinois	1935	Oregon	1935
Indiana	1934	Quebec	1935
Kansas	1935	Saskatchewan	1935
Louisiana	1935	South Carolina	1935
Maine	1935	South Dakota	1935
Massachusetts	1935	Tennessee	1935
Michigan	1935	Texas	1935
Minnesota	1934	Utah	1935
Mississippi	1935	Vermont	1935
Missouri	1935	Washington	1935
Nebraska	1935	West Virginia	1934-35
Nevada	1935	Wisconsin	1935
New Brunswick	1933	Wyoming	1935
New Jersey	1935		

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was held at Montgomery on December 3rd, 1934.

All the Grand Chapter officers were present, except the Grand King, who was ill. Eleven Past Grand High Priests and forty-three Grand Representatives were also on hand, including our R. E. Companion Duncan C. Carmichael, who was active on committees. Of 64 Chapters, 42 were represented.

Grand High Priest James J. Douglas gave a very brief address. No mention is made of any rulings or recommendations, or any report on visitations.

No reports seem to have been made by the eleven District Inspectors.

Grand Chapter moved to adopt the Work and Ritual of General Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship say, "A nation, or even a community, is no greater, no matter what its wealth or natural resources, than the mass level of intelligence of its citizens. Masonry and education, almost synonymous terms, must take a stand for a genuine intelligent education of all our citizens as expressed through our public school system."

At the last Convocation, Grand Chapter was lenient to Chapters with unpaid dues. The situation now is not much better, as some 20 Chapters still show dues owing. Generous treatment is again shown and dues owing for 1931, 1932, 1933 are cancelled, and time for payment of 1934 dues extended to May or June 1935. Even at that the suspensions total 1,226.

Grand Chapter performed a kindly act in extending its deepest sympathy to Grand Chaplain Spiegel on the loss of his loyal, devoted and beloved wife.

No Fraternal Review is published.

64 Chapters. 4,693 Members. Net Loss, 1,161.

E.G.I.

ARIZONA

The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held at Prescott, Arizona, March 12th, 1935, M. E. Companion Clement Henry Coleman presiding.

Sixteen Grand Officers were present, twelve Past Grand High Priests, eleven Chapters and twenty-eight Grand Representatives. Alberta was represented by Everett H. McEachren.

The address of the Grand High Priest concisely details his activities for the year. He recommended the lowering of the Exaltation fee, but this was not concurred in by the Committee on Jurisprudence. We quote from their report: "We do not believe in cheapening Masonry. While Masonry regards no man for his worldly worth or honors, we should

look to a man's ability to pay dues and not become a delinquent and being dropped for non-payment of dues." This Grand Body decided to change the date of Grand Convocation to the day preceding the meeting of Grand Lodge and at the same place. We will watch with interest the effect of this on the attendance at the next Grand Convocation.

13 Chapters. 1,079 Members. Decrease 972.

M. E. Companion James Whetstine, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Harry A. Drachman, Grand Secretary.

W.T.C.

ARKANSAS, 1933

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas was held at Little Rock on November 23rd, 1933, R. Ex. Companion L. K. Charles, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding.

There were present thirteen Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, forty-five delegates representing thirty-one Chapters, and thirty Grand Representatives. Alberta was not represented.

There was no report from the Grand High Priest as he was suspended by his Lodge during the year, and his duties were performed by the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. Ex. Companion Charles.

Three Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter passed on to their reward during the year.

The Secretary reports a loss in membership during the year of 638. Seventeen Chapters have not made any returns or paid dues for several years.

66 Chapters. 4,260 Members. Decrease 638.

ARKANSAS, 1934

The Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas was held on November 22nd, 1934, at Little Rock, M. Ex. Companion L. K. Charles presiding.

Fifteen Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand High Priests, thirty-three delegates and twenty-nine Grand Representatives were present. Alberta was represented by E. G. Turner.

The address of the Grand High Priest was not printed in the Proceedings, but the report states that it was an able statement and that it was well received.

The Secretary reports twenty Chapters had paid no dues for several years and did not pretend to hold meetings. The Charters of those Chapters, he suggested, should be taken up. We agree.

66 Chapters. 4,119 Members. Net Loss 141.

ARKANSAS, 1935

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas was held at Little Rock on November 21st, 1935, M. E. Companion Wm. T. Sullivan presiding.

All Grand Officers were present except R. E. Companion Sam King, Grand King, who was ill. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-one Grand Representatives attended. Alberta was represented by E. G. Turner. Thirty-six delegates represented thirty-five Chapters.

We note the Grand High Priest granted a special dispensation to receive and ballot on petitions at the same meeting. Not knowing the circumstances, it seems rather unusual.

The Grand Secretary reports that many Chapters have not made returns or paid dues for several years (some of them for seven or eight years). We think action should be taken with these.

66 Chapters. Membership of reporting Chapters 3,124. Net loss for year 376.

(The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter were not printed in 1933 and 1934 and are included with the Proceedings of 1935.)

W.T.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia was held at New Westminster on June 19th, 1935.

All Chapters were represented and all officers were present, including, of course, our Grand Representative, Grand Scribe Ezra John W. Prescott. His Honor Judge E. R. Wylie, Grand Z. of Saskatchewan, was a distinguished visitor, and later was made an honorary member.

Grand Z. the Hon. Alex. M. Manson, B.A., K.C., is a distinguished Companion, as he has been Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, and Attorney-General, and Minister of Labor, and is one of British Columbia's most gifted orators. His short report of an active year, has much inspiration and sound thought. Suggestion had been made to stop publishing the Annual Review, but he strongly opposed this idea and Grand Chapter later moved to continue the Review.

The Grand Chapter of Washington sent a large delegation to Victoria on a fraternal visit, and a return visit was made to Bellingham, Wash., showing that very cordial relations exist between these two Grand Chapters.

M. E. Companion Manson ruled "That a convocation could not be held on Sunday to confer degrees."

He deplores the trend of the times. "Man equipped mentally, scientifically as never before, produces an abundance unparalleled in the history of the world, yet millions of men are permitted to suffer in want and starvation. . . . billions are added to our national debt and destruction is wrought in the morale of the younger generation.

The home is no longer the sacred institution that it was. Contracts are not inviolate—debts have ceased to be obligations of honor.” He makes a strong plea for Masonry to go into action and aid the young men of this age.

The six Grand Superintendents submit good reports; they seem to have realized the chief object of their office, which, we believe, is to witness and direct degree ceremonies and work of the Chapter, rather than to address or be entertained as a distinguished guest.

Grand Chapter finances are in good shape.

Grand Registrar Dr. Samuel Fea gives an interesting history of M. E. Companion Manson’s home Chapter—Kaïen, No. 13, at Prince Rupert.

The Committee on Grand Superintendents’ Reports recommend that “Once a year, at least, each Chapter take some definite action on outstanding dues, *i.e.*, (A) Remission, (B) Granting extension of time, (C) Suspension.” (We heartily concur.)

The Constitution was changed to read, “The Exaltation Fee shall not be less than \$35.00.” (It had been \$50.00).

As elsewhere, there is a difference in views on (1) Honorary membership, (2) Life membership. The Committee will report on this again next year.

One copy of the Proceedings goes free to each Chapter, and extra copies cost 50 cents. Alberta sends three, and as much information is carried, and as the cost of extra copies is small, we think it worth while.

In 1936, the Annual Convocation will immediately follow the Grand Lodge sessions at Nanaimo.

R. E. Companion Prescott, Grand Scribe E. and Grand Reviewer, writes a good Review. He is very liberal to Alberta, giving us nearly five pages in fine print, and quoting much of M. E. Companion Andy Davison’s address.

28 Chapters. 2357 Members Net Loss, 32.

E.G.I.

CALIFORNIA

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation was held at Pasadena, California, on April 9th, 1935.

Arthur M. Abbott, G. H. P.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Charles H. King.

The first order in the proceedings was a touching tribute to the memory of three M. E. P.G.H.P.’s—Frederick W. G. Moebus, David J. Reese and Carl Barnard,—who had been called from the Grand Chapter of California to the Grand Chapter of Immortality during the past year.

M. E. Companion Abbott devoted himself to his work and made eighty-five official visits to constituent Chapters, at all of which he

seems to have been royally treated. Unique was his visit to Signet Chapter, when among the class of twenty-six candidates upon whom the Royal Arch Degree was conferred, were the noted actor Harold Lloyd and his father, both of whom have taken their degrees together from Entered Apprentice up to the Royal Arch.

The G.H.P. gave a very excellent address on his conception of the meaning of Masonry, and if every companion caught the same vision as the speaker, then, indeed would our Order be the vital force in community and national life and also in the lives of each individual that would make its ideals felt for the betterment of all citizens.

Our chapter rooms should become training schools wherein members are trained to fine high ideals and given an opportunity to absorb our great Masonic principles.

This Grand Chapter again expressed itself as being unalterably opposed to Communism, Fascism and all organizations antagonistic to the American form of Government.

Membership, 21,147. Net loss, 1,671.

J.V.F.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held in Washington on February 13th, 1935.

All Grand Chapter officers and many members of all Chapters were present. (This Grand Jurisdiction has a small territorial area.) Our Representative, Ex. Companion James A. West was absent.

Distinguished visitors included the Grand High Priests of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Grand High Priest Robert L. Kause in his address says that in the year they had a larger number of exaltations, reinstatements and less suspensions than in the previous year, which was the worst in their history. He thinks that it is more gratifying to reinstate a suspended Companion, than to obtain the petition of a Blue Lodge Mason. He says that "No Chapter was ever a real success through accident, but it takes real work and management to make one thrive."

At the School of Instruction, which is held on the first and third Fridays of each month, there has been increased attendance, although applicants for degrees were scarce. Naturally the most skilful officers were among those who attended the school.

Besides numerous visits to his own Chapters, he found time to visit the Annual Convocation of New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

He had the Grand Officers form into committees of two to visit Chapters, thus these officers were employed and became better acquainted with the Companions and were able to assist the Chapters in solving contentious problems. Alberta might well follow this example.

No new construction is being made on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, although the buildings and grounds are carefully maintained.

M. E. Companion Kause recommended that a committee be appointed to consider the finances of Grand Chapter, and that a special convocation be called to consider their report. Their finances appear to be in good shape. He recommended, also, that 25 cents of the per capita tax for the past year be refunded, but Grand Chapter went one better and ordered a refund of 33½ cents per member.

Altogether, M. E. Companion Kause had a very successful year, considering the times, and it was said of him, that "he might well be content with his record."

R. E. Companion Yung, Grand Lecturer, is again praised for his assistance and excellent services.

Ex. Companion J. Walter Karsner gives us another grand Review. He says that a Review must needs be less interesting this year owing to brevity of the Proceedings and fewer activities and events worthy of mention. However, his comments are many, interesting and instructive. In his Foreword, he wonders if we should condemn a Companion who does not attend his Chapter on a cold, stormy night to hear poor work, perhaps, or cheap entertainment, when he can sit in comfort at home and, by the flick of dial, hear entertainers worth \$5,000.00 an hour. We have too many Masonic bodies, and he urges that we consolidate these, so as to have larger meetings, better officers, and a more helpful brotherhood and truer fraternity.

Reviewing Alberta he quotes our Commutation of Dues, in our in our proposed standard by-laws.

We have space for only one of his comments and quotations. Under Massachusetts: "What is the purpose, the goal, of all Masonry? —An institution whose fundamentals have come down to us from an unknown time. It is to travel—not to arrive. As individuals we come and go. The institution lives ever on and is constantly renewed. The general purpose is to travel together, and the flowers of friendship grow all along the way. So has been builded that great influence that we call Masonry."

16 Chapters. 4,796 Members. Net Loss, 362:

E.G.I.

ENGLAND

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England were held on February 6th, May 1st (Annual), August 7th, November 6th, 1935, and February 5th, 1936.

The year was a lamentable one for this Grand Chapter. At the February, 1935, meeting, the death of Sir T. Courtenay Warner was recorded; he had been the Third Grand Principal. Also, recently the Grand Treasurer had died. At the August Convocation the death of Pro First Grand Principal, The Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, was announced. By the November meeting the Grand Second Principal, The Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, had passed away. At the 1936 February Quarterly

great sadness was upon the companions, for our greatly beloved monarch, King George V, had just gone to be "at peace."

Ex. Companion Sir Basil P. Blackett was elected Grand Treasurer. The First Grand Principal appointed Ex. Companion Rev. Canon Hubert Curtis to be Third Grand Principal.

As, according to the Constitution, the Pro Grand Master of the Craft, if qualified, shall take the position of Pro First Grand Principal, and likewise the Deputy Grand Master that of Second Grand Principal. M. E. Companion The Earl of Harewood became First Grand Principal, and General Sir Francis became Second Grand Principal.

On May 1st, First Grand Principal The Duke of Connaught, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday.

Grand Scribe E. Sir Colville Smith, reports the income from Fees for Registration and Charters to be the large sum of £3,858, 10s.

E.G.I.

FLORIDA

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Florida was held in Ocala on May 7th, 1935.

All Grand Officers and twelve Past Grand High Priests were present including Alberta's Representative, R. E. Companion Cleveland R. Horne, in his office as Grand King.

General Grand High Priest Wm. T. S. O'Hara, made his official visit, and gave an instructive address during the session.

Grand High Priest Archie Aitcheson gave a short address, concerning his official acts and a brief report of his many visitations. The Grand Secretary, W. P. Webster, passed the last Veil, and M. E. Companion Cary B. Fish was appointed in his stead. Two Chapters changed their fees for degrees to \$25.00. M. E. Companion Aitcheson refused a dispensation for a Chapter "to call off for the summer months to meet only four times a year." This required a change in by-laws.

The Chapters are allowed to use either the Old or the New Ritual, as the Grand High Priest may direct.

Improvement is shown by the Chapters in paying the large amount of dues owing to Grand Chapter.

Of \$4,647.50 outstanding in the Educational Loan Fund, \$189.50 in principal and interest was paid during the year.

Grand Lecturer W. B. Greer reports another year of faithful service. He responded to calls to visit Chapters whenever possible, travelling 4,500 miles to do so. He heard suggestions that on account of economy, the offices of District Deputy Grand High Priests be abolished, which he considers would be a huge mistake. (We heartily concur). The expenses of the thirteen Deputies was a little over \$100. He closes with these fine words, "Let us go on, for he who travels with the Most High certainly reaches a safe and certain goal; let us work on,

for in working with Him we labor not in vain; let us wait on, for he who waits on Him waits not without hope, and let us pray on, for whoever talks with God wastes no words."

Grand Chapter erected a monument to the late Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion Webster.

The Pay Roll of mileage and per diem of those attending Grand Chapter amounted to \$1,060.30.

Continuing their resolution of last year, "they pledged themselves to take an increased interest in their school affairs, and in the proper education of their youths."

There is no Fraternal Review.

45 Chapters. 3,795 Members. Net Loss, 427.

E.G.I.

ILLINOIS

The Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois was held in Chicago on October 24th and 25th, 1935, M. Ex. Companion William C. Rapp, presiding.

There were present fifteen Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, Delegates from 217 of the 231 Chapters and forty-eight Grand Representatives. Alberta was not represented.

Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Chapters of Iowa and Wisconsin.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a comprehensive report of a very busy year. He officially approved the consolidation of four Chapters into two and believes that similar action in several other cases would be beneficial. He suggests that several other Chapters should be placed in special charge of the Grand High Priest. (The writer heartily agrees with this procedure.) He recommended the advisability of changing Grand Chapter laws that provide that no High Priest, King or Scribe shall resign, demit or take part in the formation of a new Chapter during his official term, but the Committee on Jurisprudence did not concur. He also recommended that two substitutes be allowed in conferring the Royal Arch Degree. This is now done in our Grand Jurisdiction.

A contribution of \$5,000.00 was made to the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., to assist in the maintenance and operation of the Illinois Masonic School and Home and Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan, and \$1,000.00 to Illinois Masonic Hospital at Chicago.

231 Chapters. 55,225 Members. Decrease 7,992.

M. E. Companion Clarence L. Wolfe, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Stuart E. Pierson, Grand Secretary.

W.T.C.

INDIANA, 1934

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana was held at Indianapolis on October 17th and 18th, 1934.

All Grand Officers were present; also forty-three Grand Representatives, including Alberta's, Past Grand High Priest, Robert M. H. Britton, who is chairman of "Memorial: Distinguished Dead of Other Jurisdictions." Of 115 Chapters, 111 were represented.

Grand High Priest Stanley G. Myers in his address gave a routine account of an active year. At the last annual meeting the basis of dues from the Chapters was changed from one of per capita to that whereby the Chapters pay a percentage of dues actually collected. This did not work very well, as the annual dues of some Chapters are as low as \$1.00 and \$1.50, hence the receipts of Grand Chapter were less than expenses. He believes a minimum amount of dues will have to be set. He found "a lack of support on the part of the members, although the ritualistic work of the officers, generally, was good." The great need of today is, not more men in Masonry, but more Masonry in men." (Which is very true). To promote this, he recommended "that a committee be appointed by the Grand High Priest to devise ways and means by which available educational information shall be presented to the Companions." He granted a dispensation to a Chapter, "To confer the Mark and Past Master's Degree in a Lodge Hall in a town within its jurisdiction."

To the efficient work of Grand Lecturer Graham belongs most of the credit for the excellent ritualistic workings of the Chapters. He evidently gives his full time to this as his salary and expenses are \$2,883.33. He encourages joint meetings of the Chapters.

Well advised investment of Grand Chapter funds is demonstrated by this Grand Chapter. Certain mortgage certificates valued at \$17,700, unfortunately had realized only \$470.00, with indications that not 50 per cent of the balance would be collected. The sale value of \$2,000 of other bonds was very uncertain. Hence the entire available assets of Grand Chapter were only \$2,800.

Grand Secretary Woods reports three Chapters who failed to send in their annual returns on time. All lost their right to representation in Grand Chapter, together with mileage and per diem. (A severe lesson.)

The Grand Lecturer and Ritual Committee have prepared a new Ritual. It is to be printed, and each Chapter supplied with nine copies at cost.

From "Fraternal Dead" we gleam this beautiful thought: "In Heaven, amidst its grandeur, eternal and beautiful as the love of God, we leave our dead just out of sight, but only across a narrow stream."

There is no Fraternal Review. Grand Secretary and Reviewer Woods states: "Although the Review was prepared and directed to be printed, for financial reasons it was felt it should be omitted." How unfortunate! We know Companion J. Edward Allen of North Carolina will say, "Money for other things; \$3.00 per diem to every one attending Grand Chapter; 10c per mile travelled to attend; full salary to all officials, but no money for Review."

115 Chapters. 26,440 Members. Net Loss, 1,626.

E.G.I.

KANSAS

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Wichita, on February 1st, 1935.

M. E. Companion Holmes W. Haviland, G.H.P.

The Grand High Priest visited many of the Chapters in his Jurisdiction during his term of office, and after noting conditions existing in these Chapters he was able to say: "The condition of the Chapters in general is satisfactory. Leadership is badly needed to-day more than at any time during recent years; in fact, if our Chapters reach the condition which they attained at one time, it will have to come by determined work of the faithful few. Apparently the bottom is about reached in the matter of losses for non-payment of dues, and in many cases petitions for restoration are coming in." The total net loss for the year was 1,551.

Speaking of Royal Arch Masonry in general, he stated: "Our fundamentals are the same to-day as with the generations which have passed on. Our ideals are lofty and worth striving to reach. Our foundations are sound. Our work and ceremonies should inspire you to nobler deeds and higher thoughts. Royal Arch Masonry is just as vital to-day as it ever has been in the past." "Let us first restore the Kingdom of God in our own hearts, and we can then build temples in the hearts of men. When this is done, we can reasonably expect prosperity to return to us, and to the Royal Craft."

Alberta was given a good review in the Report on Correspondence.

J.V.F.

LOUISIANA

The Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana met at New Orleans on February 5th and 6th, 1935, and was called to order by M. E. Companion D. Peter Laguens, Jr., Grand High Priest.

Fifty Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest gives an excellent review of his activities and visitations during his term of office. He had his difficulties with Chapters neglecting to make annual returns. Referring to the State of the Order he reports a net loss for the year of 578, but "a better spirit prevailed among the Companions. Many internal conditions await solution, but no condition is as important as re-instatement and stoppage of suspensions."

Alberta sympathetically reviewed.

Chartered Chapters, 59. Membership, 5,007.

Grand High Priest, Geo. J. Ginsberg, Alexandria.

Next Convocation: February 4th, at New Orleans.

J.W.G.

MASSACHUSETTS

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, December 10th, 1935.

Quarterly meetings were held on March 12th, June 11th, September 10th and a special Convocation for the purpose of exemplifying the Capitular degrees.

Alberta was represented at the March and June meetings.

Grand High Priest Ralph Lowe, Jr., presided at all the meetings. In his survey at the March meeting, he states, in part: "There is not a District in this State that is not at the present time making Royal Arch Masons (Fifteen Districts in this Jurisdiction). . . . The number of applicants in process of exaltation represents a marked improvement over the same period a year ago. . . . We must not be too optimistic over the situation, but, nevertheless, we certainly are justified in displaying increasing faith in our belief that we are an active, virile, stabilizing force in society and the destiny of human affairs, even in these times of test and consternation. . . . In regard to suspensions he says: Do not hesitate to deal promptly and firmly with the member who is imposing upon us, but be sure you have the facts, directly and correctly, before meting out a firm, just decision as to his status as it relates to our fraternity."

At the June meeting, he states, "The experience of some Chapters impels me to strongly recommend to you the adoption of the practice of bonding Secretaries and Treasurers. It is a good procedure for all concerned and an excellent business practice. . . . Under controllable factors of readjustment . . . we are 'rebuilding the Temple' and in dealing with exaltations, reinstatements, reaffiliations, dimits and suspensions in the work we are now doing, it is imperative that we be thorough in every act. . . . We now control our operating factors and if we 'replace a stone,' 'reject a stone,' or 'add a stone,' it is in our power to say whether we want it: if so, where it is to go, and how it is to be placed."

At the September meeting the Grand High Priest ordered a memorial to R. E. Companion R. L. Smith, Grand Scribe, who died August 19th, 1935.

In his address the Grand High Priest refers to Chapter notices and programmes which should be read by all Scribes for information and guidance. Space does not allow us to quote.

At the December meeting, the Committee on Returns reported 97 Chapters, membership 31,290, loss of 2,434.

Auditing Committee reports, invested fund of \$116,565.49 and balance in hand \$4,487.29.

Distinguished guests from Quebec, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and Maine.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest Curtis Chapman, for whom a memorial was presented.

The Grand High Priest presented his address on the 137th Convocation and his 56 official visits. He referred again to Chapter Notices and reported his activities for the year.

No reviews.

Ralph Lowe, Jr., Milton, re-elected Grand High Priest.
R. T. Sewall, Boston, Grand Secretary.

A.W.

MICHIGAN

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at Lansing, on May 15th, 1935.

M. E. Companion Orrin G. Bickford, G.H.P.

Among the distinguished visitors were: M. E. Grand First Principal Gardiner, and M. E. Companion Smith, P. G. Z., Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario.

The G.H.P. reported that this Grand Chapter is still trying to recover its financial balance and consequently the annual proceedings were limited to one day's session. He stated: "It is gratifying to report that peace and harmony which has so long prevailed throughout our jurisdiction continues unabated, and while activity in our Chapters leaves much to be desired, a renewed interest among both the officers and companions is definitely evident." "I feel it can be definitely said that we are on the upward grade; that conditions are much better in our Royal Craft to-day than they were a year ago. A Divine Providence has blessed us with its protecting care and grace, and now leads us to perpetuate and extend the influence of Masonic Brotherhood."

The charters of two Chapters were arrested for failure to comply with Grand Chapter regulations.

We note several special dispensations granted to receive and ballot on petitions the same night. We can see the desirability of this action in the case of the applicant who was leaving for China, but fail to see why it was permitted in other cases. Why the hurry? If a man has waited several years before applying for membership in the Chapter, surely another month or two will not create unnecessary hardship upon him! The committee on jurisprudence, however, headed by "Uncle Lou" Windsor, concurred in the dispensations given.

An amendment to the Constitution was advised and adopted allowing any Chapter in the jurisdiction to provide in its bylaws that any office in the Chapter subordinate in rank to that of Captain of the Host may be filled by appointment by the newly elected High Priest. This is somewhat in accordance with the procedure practised in Alberta.

Membership 32,971. Net loss 3,210.

J.V.F.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maine was held at Portland on May 7th, 1935. M. E. Companion Benjamin L. Hadley presiding.

There were present twenty-one Grand Officers, eleven of the thirteen living Past Grand High Priests, one hundred and seven representatives from sixty-four of the sixty-eight Chapters, and forty-five Grand Representatives. Alberta was represented by Companion W. Scott Shorey.

Distinguished Visitors were present from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Quebec.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, refers to the loss they had sustained in the passing of one of their outstanding Past Grand High Priests, Wallace N. Price (1914-1915), and pays fitting tribute to the work the deceased Companion had done for Masonry.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that thirty-three Chapters had exalted 129 candidates, over 100% increase over the preceding year.

Companion Thomas H. Bodge gives Alberta a good review. (I hope I have his name and initials correct this time.)

68 Chapters. 13,585 Members. Decrease 1,118.

M. E. Companion John C. Arnold, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Convers E. Leach, Grand Secretary.

W.T.C.

MINNESOTA, 1934

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota was held at St. Paul on October 9th, 1934, M. E. Companion Milford Nelson presiding.

There were present fourteen Grand Officers, seventeen permanent members and eighty-six members of eighty-four Chapters on the roll. Thirty-six Grand Representatives attended, and Alberta was represented by Companion Frank H. McCuskey.

During the year one of their oldest Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion James R. Morton, passed away.

The Grand High Priest had a busy and a pleasant year in office. Four Chapters were consolidated into two, and three Chapters surrendered their Charters. His report concludes:

"There has been considerable consolidation of Chapter effort in the recent years. Some of our most outstanding convocations have been when several Chapters have come together in joint convocation; hence the small, inactive Chapters have outlived their purpose and in my opinion should be consolidated with stronger units adjacent to their present field.

"If the entire York Rite, aside from the Blue Lodges, could be merged in our jurisdiction, I believe it would be a forward step for our branch of Masonic endeavor. We do not need 84 Chapters in Minnesota. Six or eight York Rite Temples, strongly united organizations, capable of carrying on our ideas in a manner worthy of our ideals, would to my mind, be a tremendous improvement over our present system. If the York Rite is to take its proper place in this jurisdiction, its leaders

should begin to make plans for the future that will strengthen and cement the several branches into a more efficient organization than they are at present. A house divided against itself cannot endure.

"Another point which our Grand Chapter might well consider is the sponsoring of some project helpful to humanity, which would give our members an incentive and would instil pride in our organization which all of our members do not at present enjoy.

"Our ritualistic and social features should be augmented by the adoption of some worthy practical purpose. Some of the other branches of the Masonic fraternity have adopted special interests, such as sponsoring Crippled Children's Hospitals, Educational Scholarships; De Molay Activity, Masonic Home Projects, etc.

"We might well consider something similar."

84 Chapters. 13,799 Members. Decrease 1,061.

M. E. Companion William S. Vercoe, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

W.T.C.

MISSISSIPPI

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi was held in Meridian on February 13th and 14th, 1935, M. E. Companion James L. Williams, Grand High Priest, presiding.

No decisions were made by the Grand High Priest during his term of office. He thinks detailed lists of dispensations, presumably of routine nature, unnecessary. (Possibly right at that.) He found the state of the Craft "a cause for much gratitude." The numbers of exaltations was practically double that of the previous year, the suspensions a little over a third, and the re-instatements twice as many. He closes with the appeal: "Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and WORK for the good of Capitular Masonry, resting assured our labors shall not go unrewarded." About five pages and nothing of value omitted! (The reviewer commends the brevity.)

Alberta was not represented.

Membership, 3,079. Net loss, 175. Chapters, 57.

Alberta gets quite a reception in the correspondence page.

Next convocation: Jackson, February 12th-13th, 1936.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion George D. Riley, Jackson.

J.W.G.

MISSOURI

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Missouri was held in Moberly, Mo., on April 23rd and 24th, 1935.

M. E. Companion Willis J. Bray, Grand High Priest, presided.

The distinguished guests introduced included the Grand High Priests of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, the Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the Grand Representatives of forty-eight other jurisdictions. Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion Claude L. Fichthorn.

The Grand High Priest, in his address of welcome to the Grand Representatives, said: "My Companions, one of the most striking features of Capitular Masonry is its universality. Actuated by zeal for the Royal Arch, its million members have carried our ideals, our standards, our traditions and teachings to the end of the world. . . . You will receive annually the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter which you represent, and it is suggested that you maintain contact with the jurisdiction throughout the year and hold yourself ever ready to render service to those you now represent."

The Grand High Priest in his address referred to the formation of his Grand Chapter on October 16th, 1846. There were then six Chapters, and now, according to the Grand Secretary's report, there are 110 Chapters, with a membership of 20,325. He further states "We seemed to think the end of Masonry could best be served by stressing large classes, and in an impressive display of material prosperity. The thousands of candidates were ground through our ritualistic mill, without any apparent effort on our part to recall the fact that 'Freemasonry is a progressive science.' We had little time to stress masonic growth. We, through the ritualistic ceremonies, helped the candidates to lay a good foundation, and then, through our own neglect, permitted them to build their spiritual temples elsewhere. Many a man finds, to his sorrow, that what he thought were valuable life investments were, in reality, of only immediate and transient value, and subject to depreciation by the vicissitudes of fortune." During the year he officially made 36 visitations, representing 94 Chapters, and visited officially the Grand Chapters of Iowa, Texas, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, which indicates a very busy year. The Grand High Priest recommended that the sum of \$10,000.00 be set aside as a charity fund, the income from which to be used, under the direction of the Grand High Priest, for charity.

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address congratulates him, not only on the service he rendered to Masonry in his visits to this and other Grand Jurisdictions, but in having a splendid and harmonious administration.

The Grand Treasurer reports cash on hand \$29,192.78, Bonds and Certificates \$108,918.59.

The Grand Secretary reports 110 Chapters, 20,325 members, net loss of 2,193.

The Committee reports the death of Grand High Priests A. H. White and T. B. Duncan, and Grand Captain of the Host, E. F. Hannah, and one hundred and eighty-five Companions.

The Grand Chapter resolved that "No Companion shall hold office of High Priest for more than two years in succession, nor more than two years in any period of five consecutive years."

Missouri plans to be host to two national Masonic organizations, the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council, in the city of St. Louis in October, 1936.

The review of the Capitular year covers eighty-eight pages. Alberta receives recognition.

Although not approved by the Committee on Finance, it was recommended that a sum not to exceed \$500.00 be placed at the disposal of the Grand High Priest not be used for charity should it be required.

Guy C. Million, Bonnaville, Grand High Priest.

Ray V. Denslow, Trenton, Grand Secretary.

A.W

NEBRASKA

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held at Omaha on December 4th, 1935.

All Grand Officers were present except Deputy Grand High Priest George J. Spohn who wrote that on account of ill health, he would be forced to relinquish all office in Grand Chapter.

Our Grand Representative, Companion Dr. Hayes Gsantner, and sixteen Past Grand High Priests were present. Grand High Priests Million of Missouri and Dusenbery of Iowa, also were welcomed.

Grand High Priest J. Theodore Brammann reports a somewhat uneventful year. As in many other Jurisdictions, he states, the condition of the Royal Craft "leaves much room for improvement." He is "convinced that only by educational efforts can we hope for improvement. . . . appealing to the intellect for which these degrees were intended."

He received a fraternal invitation to visit Grand Lodge and was there accorded the recognition and honor due him.

One Chapter asked, "Would it be possible to procure a special dispensation for a new election, recalling the other, and re-electing all present officers for another year?" His answer was "No."

He recommended the creation of regional or district meetings of Royal Arch Chapters, under the direction of the Educational Committee. This was approved, and we feel sure it will prove beneficial.

One Chapter asked for the return of \$142.50, which it was claimed had been over paid on dues to Grand Chapter on members demitted, deceased and suspended as far back as 1909. Only the overpayment for 1934 (\$9.50) was allowed.

No Fraternal Review is published. Mileage and per diem was \$738.64, and five Past Grand High Priests' jewels cost \$425.00. Possibly Companion J. Edward Allen will criticize this, but, at least, the jewels will be worn long after the reviews would have been read and forgotten.

Although the income has been declining the budget has been balanced.

55 Chapters. 5,870 Members. Net Loss, 464.

E.G.I.

NEVADA

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation was held at Elko, Nevada, on June 11th, 1935, and was opened by M. E. Companion Harold R. Amiens, Grand High Priest.

Alberta not represented. Companion O. J. Barker appointed representative of Nevada near the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

In reviewing his work for the year, the Grand High Priest, in an admirable address, and referring particularly to the loss in membership, finds that "the average Chapter lays this to the depression," but he would rather "judge the situation not by the numerical strength of the organization but by the spirit of those who have been fortunate enough to retain their membership in the Order." Suspension of active membership has not, in Nevada, shaken the confidence of the Companions

"in their belief and faith in the great truths and principles of the organization. Excellently put. Just think it over, Companions. "Suspension does not mean change of heart towards the institution," and he exhorts the Companions "to be true to their obligations and to exhibit that spirit of Masonry and practice those sound Masonic principles which the Order inculcates." This is where many of us fall down.

Companion Wesley Jones represents Alberta.

Chapters, 9; Membership, 564; Net loss, 52.

Next Convocation Reno, Nevada, Tuesday, June 2nd, 1936.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Andrew Ruckteschler.

J.W.G.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1933

The Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick for the year 1933 is before us for review. The Grand Convocation was held at New Campbellton in June of that year, with M. E. Companion H. Ralph Gunter as Grand First Principal.

The visitations of the Grand First Principal covered a wide territory; he found the officers of the Chapters were becoming quite proficient in the new ritual which had then recently been adopted by the Grand Body. He complimented the officers upon the excellence of their degree work. Commenting upon this condition of the craft he says that Capitular Masonry was never in a sounder condition in this jurisdiction than at the time, and concludes: "My impressions of the many beautiful ideals that are being constantly propounded within the walls of the various Chapters are that if we could interpret our lives by the same ideals we could breathe forth an atmosphere that would be not only an honor to our Order but likewise a benediction and a blessing to our homes and country, bequeathing to the generations yet unborn a priceless heritage that dust and time does not corrupt and thieves cannot break through and steal." That, in the opinion of the reviewer, epitomises the whole underlying principles of Craft Masonry, and the question naturally follows: Are you doing your part in carrying out these ideals?

Finances were in satisfactory condition. There is a decrease noted in membership.

The Grand Representatives present are not recorded and foreign jurisdictions are not reviewed.

M. E. Companion Albert C. Lemmon, Saint John, was elected Grand First Principal.

J.W.G.

NEW JERSEY

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation held at Trenton, N.J., on May 15th, 1935, was opened with an inspiring prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R. E. Companion Rev. John A. Naylor.

Donald J. Sargent, G.H.P.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. E. Companion Charles O'Neill, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion William H. Pike.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows a devotion to the duties of his office, and a performance of those duties that should be satisfying to the most exacting Grand Chapter. Evidently many unnecessary requests were made by Chapters, because the officers were not fully conversant with the laws, rules and regulations of Grand Chapter. (This observation can be extended to many of our constituent Chapter officers.)

We note with approval the efforts made to reduce travelling expenses by eliminating unnecessary visits of full committees, and our full endorsement is given to the action of removing from office a District Deputy Grand High Priest who was responsible for a circular letter soliciting support for a certain candidate for the office of Grand Scribe at the next Grand Chapter Session.

The following extract is worth repeating: "Knowledge and understanding is the crying need of civilization in this day, and if we can bring to our membership a knowledge and understanding of the teachings of our Order, we will have performed a great service."

Present membership, 14,894, a loss for the year of 1,244.

J.V.F.

NEW MEXICO

The Annual (Thirty-seventh) Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico was held at Clovis on March 21st, 1935.

All Grand Chapter Officers and seven Grand High Priests were present, but our Grand Representative, Ex. Companion Henry H. Errett, was not.

Distinguished visitors included General Grand High Priest W. T. S. O'Hara, Grand High Priest John H. Gabriel of Colorado, and Past Grand High Priests Lee R. Horn of Colorado, and T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary of Texas.

The Address of M. E. Companion Lloyd B. Johnson shows him to be a zealous worker; one who wants results; one who wishes to keep Masonry abreast of a new and changing world. He is a son of Grand Secretary Harry Johnson of Ohio. He is highly enthused over the success of two York Rite festivals held at Albuquerque and Roswell. At the former forty-one candidates were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, forty-one were admitted to the Royal and Select Masters and sixty-two were made Knights Templar. At Roswell nine were exalted, seven greeted as Royal and Select Masters and six were knighted. Festivals are again planned in the near future, at these cities. He says "A wonderful spirit of fraternity permeated these occasions, and the degrees were beautifully and effectively conferred." Six of the seven dispensations granted were to receive and ballot upon petitions out of time, in order to provide candidates from the six Chapters for these festivals. He advocates consolidating the Chapters of the State into six or eight;

all towns to provide candidates for a festival once or twice a year and each community to concentrate on conferring one or more degrees. He, as an example, shows one Chapter which is 100 miles from Roswell, and another 80 miles from the same city. If all united, a fine Chapter would be the result. (We think it would be fine for Roswell Chapter, but, after a few years, would the companions travel 100 miles or so? Possibly, in Colorado, it would be all right and it may be the real solution of the slump problem in other jurisdictions. Certainly well conferred degrees is a desirable thing.)

In Colorado, each High Priest is expected to make a report to the Grand High Priest, each quarter, concerning the activities of his Chapter. M. E. Companion Johnson drafted a report, and requested each High Priest to complete and return immediately. But, alas! his astonishment was great. One reply arrived in ten months! They were "very interesting, and in many instances, were heart-breaking. Some High Priests have no conception as to their duties and seem to feel that Grand Chapter Officers are a necessary evil that must be tolerated." (He is not the first to learn that.)

As in past years, he appointed District Deputy Grand High Priests, in the eight Districts. Very poor results were obtained, as these Officers were careless, indifferent and inactive. He recommended that these offices be abolished and Grand Chapter concurred. None of these deputies appear to have attended this Grand Convocation. (In Alberta, our Grand Superintendents are invariably the best of officers.)

He arrested the charter of Alamogordo Chapter, No. 11. This Chapter held no meetings for five years, and only six companions remained in the community.

He submitted sixteen recommendations, among them being:

- (1) Proper procedure to consolidate chapters.—Adopted.
- (2) A loose-leaf system of the By-laws of Grand Chapter.—Adopted.
- (3) Revision, where necessary of Chapter By-laws.—Adopted.
- (4) Ritual Committee abolished, and Grand Lecturer perform the duties of same.—Not adopted.
- (5) The use, by Chapters, of the York Rite festivals.—Adopted.

The finances of this Grand Chapter are in good condition—\$23,800 in U.S. Government Bonds.

M. E. Companion Johnson lauds Grand Secretary Alpheus A. Keen: "Quietly, unobtrusively, but surely and efficiently, he works with but one thought in view—the greatest service that he can do for the institution he loves and serves." For fifty years he has been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; thirty-six years as Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter, and thirty-two years, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. (A wonderful record.)

General Grand High Priest O'Hara delivered a very fine and instructive address, which is printed in full.

The Foreign Correspondent is M. E. Companion Reuben Perry (who was welcomed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge). He writes informative Reports and Alberta is given due mention.

14 Chapters. 1,356 Members. Net loss 154.

E.G.I.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1934

In New South Wales the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons hold Quarterly Convocations and then a Special Convocation at which evidently the Proceedings of the quarterly gatherings are reviewed.

The 1934 Special Convocation, held on December 7th, 1934, is the subject of this review.

M. E. Companion Albert Chandler was the Grand First Principal. We learn that with this Convocation the distinguished companion had finished his second five-year period term—from 1913 to 1919 and from 1929 to 1934. It would appear from the roster of Past Grand First Principals that in the Antipodes the occupants of this chair are not changed as often as on the continent, and it may be a good idea.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion C. E. Abbott.

The Most Excellent Grand First Principal gives a very interesting review of his own association with the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales covering a period of over a quarter of a century in which time the number of constituent Chapters increased from nine to seventy-six. He made 281 visitations travelling over 63,000 miles. 1,118 certificates of exaltation were issued in that time.

The relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland were a matter of grave concern to him during his term. Overtures were made to hold a unity conference and ultimately a basis of union was reached on the part of New South Wales. The agreement he says was forwarded to the District Grand Chapter of Scotland for the purpose of submission to a referendum of their Companions, in accordance with the understanding made when the conference was convened. Keen disappointment, however, followed as the District Grand Chapter declined to take a referendum and consequently "the position regarding a union of the Royal Arch bodies is still (1934) at a dead end." And there the matter rests. He notes with gratification that the mantle of his office had fallen upon the most capable shoulders of M. E. Companion H. B. Matthews, who was installed into office by his distinguished predecessor. In congratulating the new Principals, M. E. Companion Chandler said: "The degree of the Holy Royal Arch, by its beautiful character, plays a most important part in Freemasonry and therefore its progress should be promoted to the fullest extent by all true Masons."

The session was brief, opening at 8 p.m. and closing at 9:50 p.m.

In the Foreword of his reviews of the Proceedings of Grand Chapters in fraternal relations with New South Wales, R. E. Companion F. H. Farrar, the chairman, says, in respect to their difficulty with the District Grand Chapter of Scotland, that the "formation of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales (1889) has been investigated by every Grand Chapter and by many of the most prominent Masonic jurists of our day, and following upon careful consideration of all the facts the verdict has been given that it is a regularly and lawfully constituted sovereign body and recognition has been accorded it by every Grand Chapter with the sole exception of the Grand Chapter of Scotland." It is sincerely to be hoped this difficulty will be ironed out to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is time.

Alberta is given a very generous review by R. E. Companion J. A. Faulks, for which we express sincere thanks. The Proceedings of the quarterly convocations are interesting and edifying to us in this jurisdiction.

J.W.G.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York was held in the City of Albany on February 5th, 1935, M. E. Companion Adrian A. Pierson, presiding.

There were present fifteen Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand High Priests. 271 delegates (representing 261 Chapters) and forty-one Grand Representatives. Alberta was not represented.

Distinguished Visitors were present from the Grand Chapters of Quebec, Delaware, District of Columbia, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Ohio, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania.

The address of the Grand High Priest is very comprehensive, and indicates that he has given unstintedly his time, energy and talents to the interests of the Royal Craft. His report covers fifty-one pages of the Proceedings. He granted a special dispensation to a Chapter to exalt to the Royal Arch Degree a brother who had lost his sight as a direct result of service in the Navy of the United States during the World War. He refused to grant a dispensation to two Chapters to hold a joint installation.

The reviewer devotes a page of the Proceedings to Alberta.

227 Chapters, 50,508 Members. Decrease 5,841.

M. E. Companion Frank E. Woodruff, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

W.T.C.

NEW ZEALAND

The Forty-third Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of New Zealand was held in Wellington on March 20th and 21st, 1935, M. E. Companion J. McAllister presiding.

There were present sixteen Grand Chapter Officers, seven Past Grand First Principals, thirty-six other Past Grand Officers and 158 members of Chapters. Thirty-six Grand Representatives were present. Alberta was not represented.

In the Valedictory of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion McAllister refers to the passing of M. E. Companion George Fowlds, of whom he says, "we mourn the loss of a great man, and a great Freemason."

From the report of Progress of Capitular Freemasonry, it would seem that this Grand Body has reached the end of the depression and is

now started on the upward climb. May this be so with other Jurisdictions during the present year.

In the list of Grand Representatives appointed during the year we note the name of R. E. Companion A. Riddick, near the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The chairman of Supreme Committee moved, in accordance with notice given: "That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter it is advisable to add certain cryptic degrees to those at present authorised." The degrees in question, he said, were those of Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master. After a great deal of discussion the motion was put and lost.

72 Chapters. 3,788 Members.

M. E. Companion James Rod, Grand First Principal.

M. E. Companion C. W. Neilson, Grand Scribe E.

W.T.C.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina was held at Monroe on May 7th and 8th, 1935.

Our Grand Representative, J. Edward Allen, was present.

E. Companion Timberlake, Grand King, was ill, having suffered a nervous breakdown. He forwarded a request that he be not elected as Grand High Priest, so Grand Scribe Chandler was elected to that high office.

Among distinguished guests were Grand High Priest Blackwell, of Tennessee, and M. E. Companion W. T. O'Hara, General Grand High Priest.

Grand High Priest Watson N. Sherrod reported that he visited all but five of the forty-seven Chapters. He records only the "sick" Chapters visited, they being his main concern. He appeared to have aided them considerably. He gives much praise to Grand Secretary W. Ritchie Smith, who is also Grand Lecturer, as well as to the District Deputies. In future, the actual travelling expenses of the Deputies will be paid, if they properly perform their duties. This seems only proper.

He recommended that Grand Chapter meet in February instead of May but March was the month selected by Grand Chapter.

When the Grand Representatives were welcomed, Companion J. Ray Shute, II, representing Scotland, replied. As he had visited Edinburgh recently, he brought the good wishes of that Grand Chapter.

Instead of purchasing new jewels for the regalia of Grand Chapter the old ones are to be revamped and repaired. This is fine economy.

A committee, including Companion J. Edward Allen, is to revise the Ritual and report next year.

The mileage for those attending Grand Chapter, is estimated at \$600. Companion J. Edward Allen, as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondance, recommended the recognition of a Grand Chapter of France, known as Grand Chapitre de Arche Royale pour la France. It had been "organized directly by English Royal Arch Masonry," and its headquarters had been visited by R. E. Companion J. Ray Shute, II.

Last year a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the other Grand Bodies in putting the Masonic Educational Loan Fund on a more businesslike basis. Many had considered that the "loans" were "gifts", and little effort to pay or collect them had been made. Some young ladies owing this fund on graduation had soon afterwards married and, apparently, lost their sense of responsibility for repayment. Collections had been too long neglected. Students of thirty institutions had been loaned a total of \$85,000. A Joint Committee will give a more satisfactory supervision in future.

Several dormant or "sick" Chapters had been revived during the year, and leniency to such was again shown.

The Grand Reviewer, J. Edward Allen, gives us another grand Review. Although "he possessed sufficient of the goodwill of Grand Chapter to be elected Grand Master of the First Veil he was then told to cut his reviews to fifty-seven pages." Fourteen Grand Chapters in the United States printed no Reviews in 1934 and many of the other thirty-two curtailed them. He thinks this is false economy, especially as other items, less important, are not reduced, such as Mileage and Per Diem, costly Masonic jewels and presentations to officers and high salaries of officials.

He produces some very instructive statistical tables. In the United States the net loss in membership in 1934 was 55,125, while in 1933 it was 62,578. This loss, some say, was mostly "driftwood"; members *drifted* in and then *drifted* out. If so, he thinks, the Chapters were mainly at fault for not keeping them active and alive.

"Many are questioning the validity of free public education through our American High Schools," he says, "the critic's eye is upon the old time dogma that every man ought to have the opportunity to sprout and grow out, all that is in him, including the ability to make money and hold it."

Under Louisiana he quotes, "The Grand High Priest asked all Chapters to reinstate all on payment of a year's dues and to stop all suspensions." (We think that might be a pretty good idea, too.)

Under "New Jersey," where there were many suspensions, he comments, "He would rather have some on whom the Grand Chapter collects no revenue, than suspend them in droves and shoals."

He makes no report on Alberta, so he either found nothing to write about or his fifty-seven pages were filled before he came to our Proceedings.

47 Chapters. 4,058 Members. Net Loss, 445.

E.G.I.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple at Fargo on January 22nd and 23rd, 1935.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion W. R. Reed.

The following were presented and warmly welcomed: Louis K. Thompson, Deputy Grand Master, and Charles M. Pollock, Junior Grand Warden, of the Grand Lodge; Henry Lanxon, representing the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars; Walter R. Reed, representing the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

The Grand High Priest, F. J. Cummins, in his address gives a resume of his activities and the visitations he made. He states, under General Conditions, that "While the losses of the past several years have been expected it is an encouraging sign that the losses are diminishing. Conditions in some of our Chapters have not been the best, but from personal contacts I feel that there is no disposition to give up. We must hold our lines, redouble our efforts to create interest, and emphasize the social and educational side of our Capitular Masonry." The Grand High Priest refers to delinquent dues and the necessity of giving great care to this and the affairs of the Chapters.

The Secretary reports 25 Chapters, 2,640 members, a decrease of 214 on last year; that the Grand Chapter finances are in good condition, not due to increased income, but to decreased expenditure.

We note that a committee representing the Order of the Eastern Star was introduced and presented a basket of roses to the Grand Chapter.

Our sympathies are with the Grand Lecturer in his endeavour to enforce the edict of Grand Chapter to constituent Chapters to exemplify the degrees during the year. May we remind him that the "widows' mite is sometimes more acceptable than the rich man's costly offering," and the fine response of Mandan and Bismarck Chapters will accomplish something.

In the report of the Fraternal Correspondent, M. E. Companion Guthrie states, "We are still looking for the turn of the road, just around the corner, and feel confident that the worst is behind. Better prospects are ahead if we keep our faith strong for the coming days."

Only two of the six district deputies reported on their work, one stating that he had no knowledge of his appointment.

We were glad to note the visit of M. E. Companion John F. Dart of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and that he was initiated as a member of the Monkey Wrench Club. Alberta had the pleasure of welcoming M. E. Companion Dart during your reviewer's year of office.

No review of fraternal correspondence.

M. E. Companion Albert G. Johnson, Fargo, N.D., Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, N.D., Grand Secretary.

A.W.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland) was held in the Masonic Temple in the Town of Lunenburg, N.S., on Tuesday, the 11th day of June A.D., 1935.

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion J. E. Phinney.

M. E. Companion H. S. Theakston, Grand High Priest, presided.

Five Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. There were present Grand Representatives of sixteen other jurisdictions.

We note that Nova Scotia styles its officers with the official title of Grand High Priest, Grand King, etc., while other Grand Chapters in Canada style the officers as Grand First or Second Principal, etc.

The Grand High Priest visited all the Chapters in his Grand Chapter. He completes his address under the heading of "Order of High Priesthood."

The Grand High Priest's address is devoted to a narrative of his official acts and matters of general interest in his own jurisdiction.

No report on fraternal correspondence.

22 Chapters. 1,877 members. Decrease 133.

Rev. H. Leonard Haslam, Yarmouth, Grand High Priest.

Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary.

A W.

OKLAHOMA

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Claremore on April 17th, 1935.

M. E. Companion Edson A. MacMillan, G.H.P.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Edward P. Gallup.

An address of welcome was extended by Companion W. R. Holland on behalf of Claremore Chapter and the citizens of Claremore.

The G.H.P. gave one of the finest addresses I have read in many years. I wish it could be printed here in full. Let one choose a few "high lights": "We may differ as to the proper means of reaching a high plane of activity, but we all have deeply at heart the same end." "We always close our labours with forgiveness and kindness in our hearts, and return to our homes better husbands and fathers." "It is known to every Companion that, to stem the tide which has left so much wreckage in its wake, two major paths must be taken, viz., reinstatements and fewer suspensions. We cannot recover if both are not taken." "There is an upward trend in Masonry to-day. If the dollar mark is principally all we vision, then our labours have been in vain and our institution cannot hope to hold its pre-eminence as the greatest fraternal order in the world."

Guymon Chapter, No. 70, situated in one of the hardest hit districts in the State, scourged by drought, assisted by the General Government in the relief of want and misery, and with suffering untold in the homes of the people, at a Convocation in October conferred the Royal Arch Degree on forty-eight candidates! A record unsurpassed anywhere.

With the "will to do" that record can be equalled by many other Chapters.

One could wish that one had been present at the beautiful memorial service held for two P.G.H.P.'s—M. E. Companions Ashbrook and Ricker.

Membership 7,045. Loss 497.

J.V.F.

OREGON

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Portland, Oregon, on April 8th, 1935.

Carl William Evertsen, G.H.P.

Alberta's representative, Companion Edwin L. Wieder, was not present.

The Grand High Priest's address was a simple record of a year's work well performed.

The Grand Orator, E. Companion Walter O. Haines, delivered a very inspiring address on "The Holy Bible, the Great Light of Masonry," dealing specifically with the growth and conception of God as revealed to man in the Bible, touching the "high spots" from primitive Adam to the coming of the Messiah who "in His person compassed all that had been learned of God through all the ages and gave to the world the most complete and wonderful conception of God. Let us be thankful that He came to show us the Love, Mercy, Power, Infinite Intelligence and Goodness of God which are summed up in one of the principal, yes, the very principal, tenet of our Order, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

Fourteen Chapters showed a gain in membership, but the net loss for the year was 363.

Present membership 5,494.

J.V.F.

QUEBEC

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on the 27th day of March, 1935.

Six Past Grand Z's and one Honorary Grand Z. were present. M. E. Companion C. O'Neill, Grand First Principal, presided.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards. Twenty-two other Grand Representatives were present.

R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy was appointed the representative from Alberta.

The Grand Z.'s address covers his visits to his own and other jurisdictions.

The reviewer on Fraternal Correspondence, W. J. Edwards, in his Foreword states that "It is our firm belief that these recent years of unrest and uncertainty have made us better Masons, and have taught us to live and practice Masonry in a truer sense than in the former days when suspensions and loss of membership were practically unknown. Perhaps it is not too much to say that these years will be looked back upon as real blessings in disguise."

Alberta received over a page in the review.

25 Chapters. 3,148 Members. Decrease 189.

M. E. Companion C. O'Neill, Quebec, Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

A.W.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Twelfth Annual Convocation of this Grand Body was held Saskatoon on February 27th, 1935. M. E. Companion E. J. Coster, Grand Z., conducting the opening proceedings. Eight Past Grand First Principals occupied seats on the dais. Members of the Grand Chapter were welcomed to the city by Mayor Pinder. M. E. Companion Irwin, of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, was a welcomed visitor.

Alberta was represented by Companion J. C. Moore, Regina.

The address of the Grand Z. stressed the importance of holding District Meetings. He says: "While Royal Arch Masonry covers only practically one-half of this province our Chapters are scattered over an area of 106,400 square miles," and many Companions travelled long distances to attend Chapter meetings. The Grand Z's visitations were extensive, and included crossing the imaginary boundaries separating Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba. He was not called upon to give any rulings during his term. He found laxity of interest in research work and, in his closing remarks, stated that "it was high time that Grand Body was doing something to justify its existence." (That is it.) He suggested that a committee formulate a plan of some worthy object to be considered at the next Convocation.

Report of Grand Superintendent very encouraging. The crop situation militated against growth in some of the districts but that evidently did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Companions.

The Grand Treasurer reported a favorable balance of \$2,185.12, and Grand Scribe E. a membership of 2,090, a decrease of 119 as compared with 166 the previous year.

The Committee of Condition of Capitular Masonry reports harmony, goodwill and enthusiasm, and that the desire to serve might be accepted as the keynote of the year's activity. The District Superintendents are congratulated on their work.

Alberta is briefly reviewed.

The next Convocation will be held at Regina in February, 1936.

M. E. Companion His Honor Judge E. R. Wylie, Estevan, Grand First Principal.

J.W.G.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Columbia, S.C., on April 17th, 1935; M. E. Companion Frank E. Harrison, Jnr., Grand High Priest, presiding.

Alberta represented by Companion Wm. A. Giles.

In speaking of the state of the craft, the Grand High Priest says that after "the era of hard times there must be the practice of thrift, industry and careful economy in order that we may lay the foundation for better things in the years to come. Certainly peace and harmony are greater blessings than prosperity and affluence. Let us face the future with honest aims and expectant hope." His decisions were important and very judicial.

Membership, 2,218; net loss, 361.

Next Convocation, City of Rock Hill, April 15th, 1936.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion E. H. Pinckney, Charleston.

Alberta given very concise review. Thanks.

J.W.G.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota was held at Sioux Falls on June 13th, 1935.

Although it is termed the Forty-sixth yet the Grand High Priest says, "This year is the fiftieth in our history as a Grand Chapter." And in another place, "We ought to prepare for recognizing the sixtieth anniversary next year." These are the facts: on April 15th, 1876, General Grand Chapter issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Yankton. In 1885, the Grand Chapter of Dakota was formed, and in 1889, North and South Dakota each secured a Grand Chapter of its own.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of thirty Chapters were present, but our Grand Representative, Companion N. J. Hendrickson failed to appear.

Grand High Priest Roger S. Brown in his Address reports that because of his vocation he knew that he would be unable to make personal visitations, as his predecessors had done, so he assigned certain Chapters to his Grand Officers. However, he seems to have made quite a number of visits.

He voices the idea, as many others have, that we, after the degree, instruct our candidates: "You will now be seated among the brethren" and we leave them there. "The High Priest must plan his meetings far in advance to arouse the utmost interest among his members." He opines that the Capitular education as set up by the General Grand Chapter is "well worthy of further participation." He also recommended, (1) That the jurisdiction be divided into districts, and a Grand Officer be in charge of each, but as this was returning to what Grand Chapter had had some years before, it was not adopted. (2) That a Grand Visitor or Custodian of the Work, be appointed.

The charter of one Chapter was surrendered and taken up.

M. E. Companion Geo. A. Pettigrew presented his forty-fifth Grand Secretary's Report, so he has held that office since the inauguration of Grand Chapter.

The amount of their "mileage" is quite modest. They paid 5 cents per mile one way, the total amount being \$252.45.

Past Grand High Priests Hubert W. Bartlett and John F. Shrader were mourned by their Companions, having passed to their reward.

There is no Fraternal Review.

37 Chapters. 3,554 Members. Net Loss. 424.

E.G.I.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation was held at Nashville, Tenn., on January 27th, 1936.

William Henry Blackwell, G.H.P.

The G.H.P. reports having made sixty-one Chapter visitations as well as visiting in North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and Maryland, thus showing great activity in Capitular Masonry. He mentions the issuing of a dispensation for a Chapter at McMinnville, this really being a restoration of a charter that had been surrendered in 1920. This is encouraging. Two Chapters had their charters arrested for failing to pay arrears to Grand Chapter for the year 1934. To us this seems somewhat drastic action, but is evidently one of the codes of the Grand Chapter.

There were 105 exaltations during the year; more than in any of the past four years. The suspensions for N.P.D. were less than in any of the past five years. Total membership 5,874. Net loss for 1935, 444.

This Grand Chapter is in good financial condition, having a nice bank balance, with no debts, and lived well within its income during the year. A feeling of optimism prevails, and there is peace and harmony.

Seven Chapters have an unbroken record for exaltations throughout the depression from 1929 to 1935. Congratulations!

J.V.F.

TEXAS

The Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Waco on December 2nd and 3rd, 1935.

M. E. Companion George W. Clampitt, Grand High Priest, presided.

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion J. D. Starks.

Forty-seven Grand Representatives of Grand Jurisdictions were presented and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest in his address referred to the deaths of M. E. Companions E. R. Bryan, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand High Priest, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, a 33rd degree Inspector-General of the Supreme Council; and of M. E. Companion J. C. Kidd, Past Grand High Priest, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery for thirty-seven years, a 33rd of the Supreme Council. To these Most Excellent Companions, Masonry of Texas owes endless gratitude. The Grand High Priest's address referred to conditions existing in his own Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on doings of Grand Officers reads, in part: "If fewer than twenty pages our Grand High Priest recounts his activities and succinctly touches upon every phase of Grand Chapter endeavour; it is apparent that we had the right man at the right time, one who was deliberate in reaching his conclusions and determined in following the course of action which he had decided upon, undaunted by any obstacles which presented themselves and unswerving in the administration of his duties. . . . The Grand High Priest's report is very meager, far more so than his visitations. . . . Wherever he went, his hearers were delighted to know that they were listening to a man, not a mannikin, a practical Mason whose daily life is the best address he has made during the year. . . ."

We note in the Appendix, under "Changes in the Law," that all past due sums due to Grand Chapter shall draw interest at the rate of 10% per annum, and that the books of the treasurer and secretary of each Chapter shall be audited and a copy of such audit sent to the Grand Secretary before the 1st day of August of each year, and if this is not done the Grand High Priest is authorized to arrest the Charter of the Chapter not doing so.

Capitular review covers 95 pages, Alberta reviewed.

Secretary reports 265 Chapters. Membership of 28,065; net loss, 2,228.

M. E. Companion J. H. Moore, Lubbock, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Thos. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary:

A.W:

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Convocation was held in Burlington on June 11th, 1935.

M. E. Companion Max G. Ayers, G.H.P.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. E. Companion Charles O'Neill, Grand First Principal, and R. E. Companion William R. Eakin, Grand Third Principal, of Quebec.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Howard H. Shufelt.

One gathers from the various reports given that many difficulties are being encountered in this Grand Jurisdiction. Candidates are few and far between; several Chapters have failed to comply with Grand Chapter regulations, and are liable to have their charters forfeited; and the Grand Chapter has been unable to live within its income during the past several years, the operating loss for the past year being more than \$500.00. To remedy this the Grand High Priest recommends a permanent Committee of Investment and Budget, consisting of five members, whose duties shall be to invest the funds of Grand Chapter and present an annual budget which shall be rigidly followed. Alberta has had a similar financial experience in the past few years, and has found the value of budgeting and extreme economy.

The Grand Lecturer stresses the importance of every Chapter exemplifying degree work with or without candidates. We believe this is good business as nothing is more disheartening to the average member than no degree work.

The Deputy Grand High Priests all reported very hopefully for the future as candidates were applying for exaltation in several Chapters.

Membership 4,806. Loss 282.

J.V.F.

UTAH

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah was held in Salt Lake City on June 10th, 1935, M. E. Companion Bert Atwater, presiding.

There were present thirteen Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Officers, twenty-eight Representatives from eight Chapters, and twenty-two Grand Representatives. Alberta was not represented.

The report of the Grand High Priest is short and to the point. Though small, this must be a very agreeable Grand Body, knowing the spirit of co-operation, for I note the Grand High Priest was not called on to make any decisions or issue any dispensations. He reports an increase in members for the year—something that I have not observed in any other report. This seems to show that best results are not always obtained by numerically large organizations. Apparently this Grand Body has decided to beat the depression and is doing it. Let us all do it.

Seven Chapters. 1,232 Members. Increase 26.

M. E. Companion Harold W. Brangham, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion John M. Dunlop, Grand Secretary.

The Proceedings of Most Illustrious Grand Council Royal and Select Masters are combined with those of the Grand Chapter.

W.T.C.

WASHINGTON

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was convened at Vancouver on May 16th, 1935.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests and the Grand High Priests of Idaho and Oregon were present. All but two Chapters were represented and a goodly number of Grand Representatives were on hand, but not our Companion Alex Frazier.

The Address of Grand High Priest Albert P. Ryan was not long. He endeavoured to visit all Chapters by attending district meetings or joint meetings. He mentioned one memorable occasion when 400 Companions and their ladies chartered a boat and were entertained at Victoria, B.C., by M. E. Companion Manson and his officers. Manito Chapter of Spokane was given a dispensation and, later in the session, was granted a charter.

Grand Royal Arch Captain John W. Straight removed from the jurisdiction, Grand Orator E. D. Sheffield resigned and Grand Chaplain Rev. W. C. Gilmore died. Ten Chapters were allowed to reduce their degree fee to \$30.00. He refused a dispensation to receive petitions and transact other business at a meeting held in other than their regular Chapter room. On November 28th he found Grand Chapter funds exhausted, so ordered the Grand Secretary to borrow \$350 until the annual returns came in in March. However, we cannot understand how Grand Treasurer can report \$3,241 63 cash balance in the Bank of California unless the bank is unable to pay.

He recommended: (1) That per diem be stricken from the allowance of delegates until finances improve. (at this Convocation \$1,325.90 per diem was paid, but none will be allowed in 1936). (2) That a central city be selected for Grand Convocation (Tacoma is chosen for 1936). (3) That the Capitular Review be discontinued for the present (no review is published, and as they are curtailing in other ways, no doubt it is justified). (4) The increase of percapita from 60c to 75c (Grand Chapter voted "No") (5) That the system of District Inspectors be changed, and that the Districts be made smaller until such time as travelling expenses can be paid (the Grand Officers are the Inspectors).

Grand Secretary Wesley C. Stone has one highly commendable item in his Report, *i.e.*, "The secretaries' returns came to me in excellent form and almost universally correct, and credit is due to the Secretaries' Association."

If a ritual is lost a fine of \$10.00 is imposed on the Chapter.

The term "Suspended N.P.D." is not used, but such is stated as "Dropped in Chapter."

Past Grand High Priest E. H. Van Patten gave a fine and instructive Address on "Symbols",—"A symbol is like a pane of glass through which we see objects far beyond. But when the glass becomes obscured by dirt or grime, we can see only the glass and the dirt."

A motion was adopted "That each Chapter furnish the Grand Secretary with a complete list of members, at least once every five years."

54 Chapters. 7,194 Members. Net Loss, 410.

E.G.I.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1934

A special convocation was held on May 11th, 1934, for the purpose of installing Ex. Companion Jas. E. Hart as Grand Master of the Third Veil.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple at Parkersburg on October 8th and 9th, 1934. M. E. Companion Robert S. Lemon presided.

Thirty-nine Grand Representatives answered the roll call. Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion L. G. Kincheloe.

Distinguished visitors introduced were M. W. Grand Master Frank F. Flaig, of West Virginia; Past Grand High Priests Gruen and Walkup, Grand High Priest Walcutt, Grand Secretary Hambright, General Grand High Priest W. T. S. O'Hara, of Ohio; and General Grand Master of First Veil Pocock of Indiana.

Forty-two of the forty-five Chapters were represented. The Grand High Priest in his address alluded to matters of his own jurisdiction under Necrology and referred to the passing of 140 companions including Past Grand High Priest L. H. Clark.

The Grand Secretary reported 45 chartered Chapters with a membership of 9,556, a net loss of 768.

The Grand Lecturer reported having attended all the Schools of Instruction in the different districts and that most of the Chapters are well up on the work; times are getting better and prospects are brighter.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report that with the exception of the controversy between New South Wales and Scotland all Grand Bodies are in harmony and there is a general impression that Capitular Masonry has reached the turning point.

The Committee on Finance recommended that books of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be audited by a public accountant.

Fraternal Correspondence covers 75 pages. Alberta reviewed.

Next place of meeting, Williamson, October 14th and 15th, 1935.

Walter O. Coover, Parkersburg, Grand High Priest.

George M. Ford, Weeling, Grand Secretary.

A.W.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1935

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Williamson, in the Masonic Temple, on October 14th and 15th, 1935. M. E. Companion W. O. Coover presided.

Forty-one Grand Representatives answered the roll call. Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion L. G. Kincheloe. Distinguished guests introduced were M. E. Companion R. A. Walkup, Past Grand High Priest of Ohio; M. E. Companion F. E. Woodruff, Grand High

Priest of New York; M. E. Companion D. Davis, Grand High Priest of Virginia.

The Grand High Priest in his address, under Necrology, referred to the passing of 153 members, including Past Grand High Priest Rittenhouse.

The Grand Secretary, in presenting his Seventeenth Annual Report, shows 45 Chapters with a membership of 9,041, a net loss of 515.

The Grand Lecturer reports his attendance at all the District Schools of Instruction. He recommends the printing of 600 copies of the new edition of the text book.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations report that the controversy between New South Wales and Scotland is not yet settled and that the threat to suppress all Masonic institutions in Germany will prove—merely a threat.

M. E. Companion Ford, in his Foreword on Fraternal Correspondence, says, in part, "We are convinced that if we can only create an interest in our Companions sitting on the side lines, there would be a move upward, and notwithstanding the opposition of some of our brightest minds, to bringing into Masonry anything outside of the ritual, we believe that therein lies our salvation, Masonically."

Fraternal correspondence covers 87 pages. Alberta 1935 reviewed.

Next place of meeting, Charleston, October 12th and 13th, 1936.

Harry A. Berry, Oak Hill, Grand High Priest.

Geo. M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

A.W.

WISCONSIN

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Milwaukee on February 19th and 20th, M. E. Companion Ward A. Rowbottom, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Alvin E. Haumerson, Racine, was appointed representative of Alberta near the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

In his address, and dealing particularly with the State of the Craft, the Grand High Priest noted that "renewed interest was apparent in Capitular Masonry in Wisconsin." "We are doing," he said, "every Symbolic Mason a good deed when we explain to him that he of necessity must have the Capitular degrees to finish his course in Symbolic

Masonry. Our great need today is for men who are conscious of God's goodness and mercy. We have these men in our ranks and it for us to inspire them with a knowledge of their duty and our necessity. We cannot but feel where Chapters are lacking in attendance the real cause is lack of leadership."

The visitations of the Grand High Priest were extensive. He made several recommendations, among them being that a uniform receipt book be used by subordinate Chapters and that the use of music is fitting in any Masonic function.

The reviewer would like to quote in full the report of the Committee on Problems for Capitular Masonry, from which he gathers that it is not so much a question of Leadership but of the followers. There it is in a nutshell.

Chapters, 114; Membership, 21,336; Net loss, 1,460.

Next Convocation, City of Milwaukee, February 18th, 1936. Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Fred S. Thompson.

J.W.G.

WYOMING

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming met at Buffalo on July 9th, 1935. Walter M. Saunders, G.H.P., presided, and all except one of the Grand Officers were present.

Grateful appreciation is expressed for the very cordial reception tendered our own Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer. The distinguished visitor was formally introduced to the Grand Chapter by Past G.H.P. Charles H. Townsend and extended the Grand Honors. Our Grand First Principal acknowledged the greetings and conveyed to the Grand Body the sincere well wishes of his own Grand Chapter. We hope the visit of our Grand First Principal will be reciprocated at no distant date.

The address by M. E. Companion Mercer is published in full and makes impressive reading.

Alberta was represented by Companion Richard H. Repath. Ex. Companion William W. Bell (Vermilion) is the representative of that Grand Chapter near Alberta.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address, endorsed the steps taken by his immediate predecessors in recommending and urging "Chapters to exert their utmost efforts to retain and reinstate where possible unfortunate Companions in distress and liable to suspension for non-payment of dues." He continues: "It was not enough to meet in Grand Chapter, transact routine business and then return home.

We should try and get inspiration, unity of thought, purpose and action and then transmit the idea to our respective Chapters. Capitular Masonry today needs cultivation. It makes for a better civilization, for better humanity, for a better nation, and the work itself makes us better men and better citizens for having done it."

Membership, 1,884; Net loss less than previous year.

Alberta is reviewed.

Henry G. Watson elected M. E. Grand High Priest.

Next Convocation at Cheyenne, July 14th, 1936.

R. E. Companion R. H. Repath, Grand Secretary, Cheyenne.

J.W.G.

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ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1936 and 4,000 equal to 5,936.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1936 and 530 equal to 2,466.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1936 and 1,000 equal to 2,936.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1936 less 1,118 equal to 818.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1936 and 1913 equal to 3,849.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1936 and 3,760 equal to 5,696. After September add another year.

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Elected Officers for 1936

- M. E. Comp. Henry Sandilands** **Grand First Principal Z.**
9258 - 91st Street, Edmonton
- R. E. Comp. C. Harry Minchin** **Grand Second Principal H.**
6 Houlton House, Calgary
- R. E. Comp. Archibald B. McCurdy** .. **Grand Third Principal J.**
9839 - 102nd Street, Edmonton
- R. E. Comp. William C. Black** **Grand Treasurer**
- R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson** **Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)**
1412 - 2nd Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Owen J. Barker** **Grand Scribe N.**
- R. E. Comp. William H. Scott** **Grand Principal Sojourner**
- R. E. Comp. Peter A. Moncreiff** **Grand Registrar**
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